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Kuwait determined to protect its territory

## Murphy defends arms package

WASHINGTON, July 29, (KUNA): The State Department's top expert on the Middle East made a strongly-pitched defence of the \$1.9 billion arms package for Kuwait, which includes 40 F-18 fighter planes and Maverick missiles, in an appearance before the House Foreign Affairs Committee, the Sub-committee on Europe and the Middle East headed by Lee Hamilton.

In his statement, Assistant Secretary of State for the Near East Richard Murphy expressed the Reagan administration's belief that even if the Iran-Iraq war is solved peacefully soon, Kuwait will still be faced with potential threats that will make the sale necessary.

### Process

"The government of Kuwait has clearly demonstrated its determination to protect its territory, particularly over the last 18 months," he noted.

But in addition, he said if the United States were able, as anticipated, to drawdown its naval forces as the peace process

takes hold, "it will be even more important for moderate states to be their own first line of defence."

"Kuwait has indicated it fully intends to take up that responsibility and wishes to do so with help from us," Murphy said. "This attests to the improved political relations which have resulted from the close co-operation of the past year or so, particularly in the military field."

The senior State Department official said Kuwait wants an advanced aircraft that will meet its needs in the next century.

"We were the first choice of all potential suppliers of the new aircraft Kuwait will order this year.

### Indicated

"But as Kuwait's Crown Prince and Prime Minister Sheikh Saad Al Sabah indicated (on his recent visit to Washington) has stated: 'When we cannot or will not sell needed defensive equipment to our friends, their requirements do not disappear.'

Both in his prepared statement and in response to questions by several Congressmen, Murphy explained the importance of the Congress approving the arms

package to Kuwait, which he stressed must remain "integrated" and must include the Maverick missiles since otherwise Kuwait might go elsewhere for its arms purchases.

He reminded Congressmen that "We do not have a monopoly on sophisticated weapons systems. Our friends will seek similar systems elsewhere ... They are only too willing and able to accommodate would-be purchasers."

Murphy said the recently announced arms agreement between Britain and Saudi Arabia is a "concrete reminder that the Arab Gulf states have and will exercise alternatives in meeting their defence needs, if their first choice, the United States, declares itself unavailable to them."

### Difficult

The US unwillingness, he added, also undermines US credibility in the region—"making it more difficult, not less, to deal with Iran and Iraq in the new circumstances created by Iran's acceptance of (UN Resolution) 598."

"It would undermine our national interests in the Gulf region over the long-term as well as have an immediate negative impact upon relations with Kuwait," said Murphy.

He outlined the various threats that Kuwait has been facing and could also possibly face in the future. He noted that the arms sale will not be implemented before 1992.

In response to a Congressman's question, Murphy said he did not expect Kuwait to seek Soviet planes in case of rejection by the US Congress. He said it is most likely Kuwait will go to either France or Britain for its arms purchases.

### Influence

But he warned Congress that "with each loss of a sale, we do lose influence and it is not just influence over the military..."

In response to another question about the efficacy of the sale to a country as small as Kuwait, Murphy replied:

"They obviously expect that by keeping a modern air defence that in itself will be a deterrence to those that would like to aggress against Kuwait in the future... it is a question of deterrence..."



Perez de Cuellar shakes hands with Tareq Aziz before the starting of the talks. (Reuter wirephoto)

## Rebels stopped, claims Tehran

MANAMA, July 29. (Agencies): A top Iranian cleric said today an Iraqi-based rebel force which penetrated deep inside Iran this week had stopped outside the provincial capital Bakhtaran.

Tehran Radio monitored in Bahrain quoted Parliament Speaker Akbar Hashemi Rafsanjani as saying the Iranian regular Army and Revolutionary Guards "smashed" the Iraqi-based rebels 22 miles (35 km) from Bakhtaran or Kerman-shah.

In Baghdad, the National Liberation Army (NLA) of Iran said they pulled back from Kurand and nearby Eslamabad some 350 miles (560 km) southwest of Tehran, after being in "complete control" over the two towns for 72 hours.

The official Islamic Republic News Agency said Iranian troops "liberated" Eslamabad and Karand, along with "tens" of nearby villages, and were advancing on Sar-e-Pol Zahab and Gilan Gharb, in the same area.

A statement by the Iraq-based NLA telecast to Bahrain said its forces "gradually began to return to their bases" after withdrawing from the battle overnight.

The statement did not explain

## Iranians fire on Kuwaiti boats, kill 3

IRANIAN gunboats fired on Kuwaiti fishing boats in the northern Gulf last Saturday killing three Egyptian fishermen, the president of the Kuwaiti Fishermen's Federation said.

Abdulaziz Bu Rashid said, four boats were fishing in international waters north of the Kuwaiti island of Awtha, 35 km (22 miles) from the mainland.

Bu Rashid said the fishermen decided to go there after they heard of Iran's acceptance on July 18 of a UN-brokered ceasefire. He said the Iranians

wounded three other Egyptians in the attack and seized two of the Kuwaiti boats. There were nine fishermen in the boats.

The Interior Ministry reported a similar incident earlier this month when it said Iranian gunboats seized three Kuwaiti fishing boats.

In Cairo, a Foreign Ministry

statement said Egypt's ambassador at the United Nations, Abdel Halim Badawi, was instructed to raise the Iranian

"aggression" with Secretary-General Perez de Cuellar.

## Gulf truce talks moving 'in the right direction'

UNITED NATIONS, July 29. (Agencies): Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar denied today his Iran-Iraq peace talks were deadlocked and said he was very pleased because "things are moving in the right direction."

He told reporters as he arrived at UN headquarters he would have another meeting during the week with Iranian Foreign Minister Ali Akbar Velayati.

He said he would also see Iraqi Foreign Minister Tareq Aziz if he found that necessary.

Asked by a reporter if the talks, which began on Tuesday, were deadlocked, he replied: "The talks are not ... I'll keep trying until the end, and the end is very far."

### Pleased

"I think that we are, on the contrary, working in a very positive manner. I am very, very pleased because I think that things are moving, and moving in the right direction."

Iraq insists on direct talks with Iran before a ceasefire, and Iran insists on a ceasefire before it will consider a face-to-face meeting.

The UN chief said discussions continue on the issue of direct talks. "I think at some stage direct talks are indispensable," he said.

He acknowledged there was an impasse when asked if he had a formula to break the deadlock.

"I'm working on that," he said.

Iranian Ambassador Mohammad Ja'afar Mahallati told reporters who asked about direct

talks: "We will maintain our position. We will not accept any preconditions (for direct talks). No step can be taken before a ceasefire..."

"Accepting (UN ceasefire) Resolution 598 has been the last flexibility by the Islamic Republic of Iran."

Perez de Cuellar said he hopes Iranian officials "are reflecting on the possibility of having direct talks at some stage," but said he cannot compel the two sides to do so if Iran is unwilling.

The Iraqi mission insisted that "given the Iranian duplicity and bad faith, peace can only be achieved through direct face-to-face negotiations" under UN auspices. It said that Iraq's goal was lasting peace and not just a ceasefire.

Perez de Cuellar remonstrated with reporters who, noting he had already seen Velayati three times and Aziz twice, asked why he only had a definite appointment with the Iranian.

### Supervision

Turkey has accepted a United Nations proposal to send officers to a UN ceasefire supervision group for the observance of a truce to be agreed between Iran and Iraq, a Foreign Ministry spokesman said today.

In Oslo, the Defence Ministry said that Norway is willing to send 15 officers.

A team of UN truce experts arrived in Baghdad today for talks with Iraqi officials on technical details of the ceasefire in the war with Iran, diplomats said.

## Longest shish kebab

MUSCAT, July 29. (AP): A Muscat hotel has won the record for the world's longest shish kebab, it was announced here yesterday.

"We are absolutely thrilled," Sirguey said many people laughed when at first hearing about what his hotel set about doing.

"Well, it has been worth the effort," he commented. "It was a great team event. We feel very proud that the Guinness Book of Records has recognised it."

The 150-kilogram (330-lb) kebab was cooked over 1,800 kilograms (3,960 lbs) of charcoal on a giant barbecue.

## India to get two Soviet reactors

NEW DELHI, July 29. (Reuter): India is expected to sign an agreement with the Soviet Union later this year to acquire two 1,000-megawatt light water nuclear reactors, a government spokesman said yesterday.

The spokesman said details of the cost, funding and location of the nuclear reactors were still being discussed but the agreement was expected to be signed in November or December when Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev visits India.

The Soviet Union is India's major arms supplier but it has never before sold a nuclear reactor to India.

At present India has five reactors with an installed capacity of 1,230 megawatts. It plans to set up 10 more capable of generating a total of 10,000 megawatts by the year 2000.

## DAY BY DAY

GULF tourists in Europe, are subjected to Arabic language magazines, which can be termed as "tools of blackmail."

These periodicals blatantly attack Gulf leaders, industrialists and businessmen to obtain bribes for their silence.

Unfortunately, some of these magazines published in London, Paris or in some Arab capitals are financed by Arab intelligence agencies.

However, what is overlooked, is the fact that such blackmail is no longer productive, simply because facts conclusively refute these lies.

Needless to say, we see no more need to offer rebuttals to these lies and false allegations.

Zahed Matar

### AIDS cases

GENEVA, July 29, (UPI): Known global AIDS cases have reached 100,410, the World Health Organisation reported today.

That represented an increase of 3,977 or 4.1 percent during the one month from June 1.

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## US suspends co-operation with Qatar over Stingers

WASHINGTON, July 29, (AP): The US State Department offered conciliatory remarks to Saudi Arabia yesterday, following pointed remarks by King Fahd that his country would seek weapons wherever it can get them.

Relations with the Saudis "remain close and strong," said State Department spokesman Charles Redman.

The US relationship with Saudi Arabia is the product of half a century of evolving ties," he added.

Fahd was quoted as saying in a speech to National Guard and defence officials earlier this week that Saudi Arabia "is not tied to the United States."

"We consider it very much in the interests of developing the solid relationship with Qatar that those missiles be returned soonest. And we made that very clear," he added.

Murphy himself made an official protest when he visited Qatar's capital of Doha.

Another official, speaking on condition he not be named, said Qatar had been seeking several military and economic agreements with the United States. "We told them everything is frozen," he added.

US officials want to get the Stingers back in order to see their serial numbers and determine where Qatar got them from. The United States first learned of the Stingers' presence in Qatar last March, when an embassy official saw one of the rockets in television footage of a military parade.

This visit is not related to the

any pact that forces upon it any sort of obligations." If countries sell arms to Saudi Arabia, they do so for money, he was quoted as saying. "So, if things become complicated with a certain country we will find other countries, regardless of whether they are Eastern or Western."

The comments were a clear reference to the Saudi decision to negotiate a \$30-billion deal with Britain for tanks, jet fighters and munitions, following several rejections by the US Congress of previous arms deals.

Saudi Arabia has also bought surface-to-surface missiles from China in a deal kept secret from the United States.

But the Israeli team hoped the visit will lead to restoration of ties.

Soviet Foreign Ministry spokesman Vadim Perfilyev said the five-member Israeli group arrived here last evening, would deal only with technical questions at the Israeli interests' section of the Dutch embassy.

"This visit is not related to the

problem of Soviet-Israeli relations, just as the visit of our Soviet consul general to Israel has no connection to this question," Perfilyev said. "They will be handling technical matters."

### Mission

The Israeli delegation met today with colleagues from the Israeli interests' section of the Dutch embassy at the start of its mission.

A spokesman for the Dutch embassy said the Israeli group would spend much of their first day on the job being briefed by Dutch diplomats who have

represented Israeli interests in the Soviet Union.

## INTERNATIONAL

**Syrian soldiers killed**

BEIRUT, July 29, (Reuter): An unidentified gunman killed two Syrian soldiers near a Syrian-manned checkpoint in West Beirut, security sources and witnesses said today.

They said the gunman, clad in military fatigues like those used by the Lebanese Army, shot dead the soldiers last night using a gun fitted with a silencer. The two Syrians died instantly, about 200 metres from the checkpoint.

Syrian soldiers brandishing automatic rifles and rockets immediately sealed-off the corniche Mazraa area where the soldiers were shot.

Meanwhile, at the United Nations, the Security Council unanimously extended today by six months the presence of a UN peacekeeping force in southern Lebanon.

**Thatcher trip**

LONDON, July 29, (AP): Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher leaves today on a 12-day visit to Australia and five other countries, aimed mainly at marking the 200th anniversary of European settlement in Australia.

Mrs Thatcher, who was spending tonight in Bahrain, was also due to go to Oman and Singapore en route to Australia, and to pay official visits to Malaysia and Thailand on the way home.

In Oman tomorrow, Mrs Thatcher was expected to pursue the possible sale of British-made Javelin missiles, officials said. In her 9-year tenure, Britain has more than doubled its exports of arms to Oman.

**Indian fruits**

NEW DELHI, July 29, (KUNA): India ranks second in the world among fruit and vegetable producing countries.

Giving this information in Parliament, Indian Minister of Food Processing Jagdish Tytler said more than 23 million tonnes of fruit and 43 million tonnes of vegetables are produced annually in the country.

**30,000 held illegally**

BEIJING, July 29, (Reuter): China said its police force illegally detained more than 30,000 people in 1987 but added that its record on prisoners' rights was improving.

**Despite criticism by PLO official****Abu Sharif repeats his call for Palestinian-Israeli co-existence**

BAGHDAD, July 29, (AP): The chief spokesman for PLO chairman Yasser Arafat yesterday repeated his call for Palestinian-Israeli co-existence, despite new criticism by a senior PLO official.

The spokesman, Bassam Abu Sharif, said the PLO's longstanding proposal to eventually replace Israel with a "democratic secular state" of Arabs and Jews remains a dream that both sides might eventually accept.

**Proposal**

"But talking about concrete political proposals within the present balance of forces ... we are talking about a Palestinian state and Israel, their security guaranteed by an international conference in which the five permanent members of the UN Security Council would participate," he said in an interview with the Associated Press.

Abu Sharif made a similar proposal in a statement released

during the June Arab summit conference in Algiers. Its timing, and sometimes its content, have been attacked by radical factions in the PLO, as well as several officials of the mainstream Fatah faction led by Arafat.

The latest criticism came yesterday from the head of the Arab Liberation Front, a relatively small, Iraqi-backed PLO faction allied with Arafat.

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**Bush asked to pick a conservative as running mate****Dukakis seeks workers' vote**

FLINT, Mich., July 29, (Reuter): Democratic presidential candidate Michael Dukakis, in a bid to win votes from industrial workers, is promising good jobs at good pay for all Americans.

"This election is about jobs,"

Dukakis said yesterday in speeches in Cleveland and Newark, New Jersey, which kicked off a three-day, seven-state campaign swing. "And I mean good jobs at good wages."

In addition to Ohio, New Jersey and Michigan, the Massachusetts governor will visit Wisconsin, Illinois, Kentucky and North Carolina before returning to Boston tomorrow.

The five eastern and midwestern states in America's industrial heartland are considered crucial for Dukakis in his bid to defeat Republican presidential candidate George Bush.

All five states have large numbers of union members and other workers who traditionally voted Democratic, but who deserted the party in the last two elections for President Reagan.

Dukakis, citing the low unem-

ployment rate in Massachusetts, says he can do the same for the rest of the country.

"We want economic opportunity for every single citizen in America," he said.

He called for more investment in education, research and development and job training programmes to create more jobs and keep the economy growing.

He also called on Reagan to sign a bill which would give 60 days' advance notice of plant closing.

Reagan has threatened to veto the bill, although some Republican leaders are urging him to change his mind on the politically sensitive issue.

Reagan must decide on the plant closing bill by Aug 3.

**Wage**

Dukakis' vice presidential running-mate, Lloyd Bentsen made a pitch in San Francisco yesterday for the labour vote, saying a Dukakis administration would raise the minimum wage.

The Texas senator, on his first solo campaign trip since he was picked last week by Dukakis,

addressed the convention of the 1.3-million-member United Food and Commercial Workers Union.

"My friends, you have experienced seven years of nothing, Republican indifference. It has been a troubling time for millions of American workers who are running just as hard as they can barely managing to stay even," Bentsen said.

George Bush, lagging behind Dukakis in opinion polls, now faces a challenge from a new conservative group to choose his running mate from the party's right wing.

The vice president, despite claims of being conservative, is viewed suspiciously by members of the right who see him as part of the party's moderate-to-liberal eastern establishment.

This surfaced again as Bush aides said the vice-presidential selection process was now under way but that the choice would not be revealed until Bush is voted the party's presidential nominee in three weeks in New Orleans.

**'Cry Freedom' banned just after opening**

JOHANNESBURG, July 29, (Reuter): The South African government today banned the anti-apartheid film "Cry Freedom," just hours after it opened at cinemas across the country.

Justice Minister Kobi Coetsee said in a statement that further screenings of the film inside South Africa were prohibited under government security laws.

The film depicted the life of black activist Steve Biko and his death in police custody.

A bomb blast today rocked a cinema in Alexandra, an impoverished black township among white Johannesburg suburbs, two hours before "Cry Freedom" was due to be screened there.

Policemen said nobody was injured in the blast.

**Gujarat police end strike**

BOMBAY, July 29, (Reuter): Police in India's western state of Gujarat said today they were calling off a five-day-old strike.

Official said the strike had fizzled out anyway, with most of the state's 59,000 policemen reporting for duty.

**Month's Mind**

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South African police and firemen survey the gutted ruins of Winnie Mandela's bungalow in the township of Soweto. (Reuters wirephoto)

**Arsonists burn down Mandela's home**

JOHANNESBURG, July 29, (Reuter): Winnie Mandela has sought refuge with friends after black arsonists destroyed everything in the small house she once shared with her husband, jailed South African black leader Nelson Mandela.

"She is very distressed," lawyer Amichand Soman told Reuters. "She has gone to stay with friends and get over the shock."

She postioned a close inspection of her fire-gutted home in the black township of Soweto.

A police spokesman said officers were investigating a charge of arson, but Soman said Mrs. Mandela ordered there should be no witch-burn.

**Letters**

Police and neighbours said a gang of schoolchildren used petrol to torch the small, four-roomed brick house in the Orlando west section of Johannesburg's Soweto township on Thursday morning.

Mrs. Mandela was out at the time and no one was injured in the attack.

**Shroud looks convincing**

LONDON, July 29, (Reuter): A British scientist testing the age of the Turin shroud, which many Catholics believe was Christ's burial cloth, said yesterday: "If this is a fake, it's a very good one."

Dr Boer Hedges, head of the dating unit at Oxford University's laboratory for archaeology and the history of art, added: "I have now a pretty good idea of what I think it is but I'm not going to say."

Hedges said he saw the shroud in Turin and "it looked very convincing but it's quite hard to believe that it could survive that long."

The results from the three laboratories will be analysed and co-ordinated by the British museum in London and announced in Rome or Turin in September or October.

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**Palestinians stage strike against Israeli rule**

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, July 29, (AP): Palestinians in the occupied territories went on strike today in solidarity with Arab women jailed in Israel and graffiti appeared on walls overnight reading "Death to the Zionists" and "Yes for a Palestinian state."

Also, state-run radio said Israeli troops killed a Palestinian who was preparing to throw a firebomb yesterday in Gaza city. The death touched off demonstrations in which two Arabs were wounded by gunfire and two Israeli riot police injured by stones.

Palestinian flags were strung on utility poles from Bethlehem to Nablus in the occupied West Bank and in the seaside Gaza Strip.

**Burning**

Before dawn, Arab protesters blocked some streets with rocks, barrels and burning tyres, an apparent effort to prevent Palestinians from breaking the strike called for by the underground leadership of a nearly eight-month-old uprising against Israeli rule.

Shops were closed and transportation halted.

The Palestinian-run Jerusalem Media and Communication Centre said 30 Palestinian women are currently held in Israeli jails, most on suspicion of inciting violence against Israel.

Israel's state-run radio reported that Israeli troops were responsible for the shooting death of a Palestinian man in Gaza city yesterday, and added that the man was killed as he was preparing to throw a firebomb at a military patrol.

The death triggered demonstrations, and Israeli troops shot and wounded two Arab protesters, the Army said. In addition, two Israeli policemen were hit by rocks, it said.

**Died**

Another Palestinian has died of wounds he received during violent clashes last week between demonstrators and soldiers in the occupied West Bank. Palestinian and hospital sources said today.

Abdel Fatah Alayan was shot in the head on July 20 in Jenin, 50 miles (80 km) north of Jerusalem, they said. During the same clashes — which occurred on the worst day of violence in the occupied territories in two months — two other Palestinians were shot and killed.

Alayan, 23, died yesterday of his wounds while in the intensive care unit at Aran East Jerusalem's Mokassed Hospital. A 37-year-old Gaza resident, Han Adel Alturk, also died yesterday of gunshot wounds he received on Monday in a clash with soldiers.

**Censor**

Meanwhile, Israeli Foreign Minister Shimon Peres said he reacted "positively" to reports that US Assistant Secretary of State Richard Murphy is scheduled to meet with Palestinians.

Peres said he was against holding meetings with members of the PLO, which is banned in Israel, but did not necessarily oppose meetings with PLO supporters.

Peres added: "We do not censor ideas. We only censor pockets. They should come without rocks, without knives, without Molotov cocktails."

**Gorbachev opens party's policy-making meeting**

MOSCOW, July 29, (AP): Soviet leader Mikhail S. Gorbachev today opened a gathering of the nation's top Communist Party leaders with a speech on reforms aimed at broadening freedoms and making the Soviet government more responsive.

The official Tass news agency said a plenary meeting of the 300-plus members of the central committee, the party's policy-making body opened today to tackle "practical work to implement the decisions of the 19th all-union conference of the CPSU," the party forum earlier this month that set out a major revamping of government structure and individual rights.

Western and Soviet sources have predicted that today's gathering, expected to conclude by Friday night, could result in some changes to the ruling Politburo headed by Gorbachev.

The Politburo decided on July 4 to convene the policy-making central committee to review and implement "re

## INTERNATIONAL

**Fire guts Cairo gold shops**

CAIRO, July 29. (Reuters): Shop owners fled 37 gold and silver workshops in panics explosions and fire gutted part of a 500-year-old building in Cairo's tourist resort.

Damage was estimated at \$50 million by the owners of the complex.

Police said the shops specializing in hand-engraved copper trays, leather souvenirs and jewellery were evacuated after the fire erupted on Thursday. "A leaking cylinder exploded and 30 minutes later I heard another explosion followed by at least two more explosions... I ran away from the shop," said Nasir Ahmed, a 23-year-old silversmith.

Shop-owners at the complex known as Selsedar Khanii later searched charred debris trying to salvage some of their valuables. Police are still investigating the blaze which gutted the 37 workshops.

**Rare fossils destroyed**

BEIJING, July 29. (Reuters): Tons of valuable fossils in Inner Mongolia have been dug up, smashed and sold by looters believing them to be medicinal "dragon bones," the Guangming Daily said today.

The newspaper said hundreds of peddlers and smugglers had descended on sites in Qingshuihe county to dig up animal and plant fossils which they ground to powder for sale as traditional Chinese medicine.

It said looters did severe damage to the sites, led by local government officials who issued "excavation permits" for 40 huan (\$1) apiece.

The traditional Chinese medicine trade also threatens some protected species, since the most highly prized medicines depend on rare ingredients such as deer antler, bear paw, or panda penis.

**First anniversary of peace accord****11 die in Sri Lanka violence**

COLOMBO, July 29. (AP): Ten Sinhalese extremists, and a soldier were killed and militants torched buses on the first anniversary of an accord aimed at ending Tamil separatist violence, police said today.

Most shops, offices and businesses were closed in Colombo, the capital, and its suburbs. Police said people were afraid to open their businesses because of possible violence by Sinhalese radicals opposed to the Indian-brokered peace accord.

A 24-hour curfew went into effect this morning in the island's south after radical Sinhalese nationalists called for a general strike.

Residents in the northern city of Vavuniya said by telephone that Indian soldiers also declared curfews in some areas in the

**BNP expels four leaders**

DHAKA, July 29. (AP): The opposition Bangladesh Nationalist Party expelled four of its leaders Thursday for what its president called violations of party discipline.

Khaleda Zia, president of the BNP, said the decision to expel the four officers was made late Wednesday. She did not elaborate on the reasons.

Those expelled were Obaidur Rahman, former secretary-general of the party, and senior executives Abu Hasnat, Ahmed Nazir and Abu Kashem.

Rahman helped Mrs Zia's late husband, President Ziaur Rahman, organise the BNP in the late 1970s. He also supported Mrs Zia's efforts to become head of the party in 1983 after her husband was assassinated.

He was a key adviser to her until disagreement earlier this year over the party's constitution. Rahman demanded that party members have more say in the organisation's operation.



Egyptian policemen inspect the remains of a silver workshop in Cairo's famous tourist bazaar of Khan Al Khalili yesterday after a fire, apparently caused by a gas cylinder explosion, gutted the workshop and 36 others. (Reuters wirephoto)

**Thailand gets elected premier**

BANGKOK, July 29. (Reuters): Former general and foreign minister Chatichai Choonhaven, now one of Thailand's top business men, said he would take over from Prem Tinsulanonda as prime minister.

Chatichai told reporters he was confident of creating a stable government out of a coalition of five parties which emerged as the strongest parliamentary group after a general election last Sunday.

He will be Thailand's first elected prime minister since 1976 when the leader of the Democrat Party, Seni Pramoj, was ousted in a military coup.

Chatichai, a stocky, greying man of 69, heads the wealthy Chart Thai Party. He was a deputy premier in the last govern-

ment of Prem, a former Army chief who served as a compromise choice for multi-party coalitions for the last eight years.

He was speaking at his home last night after consulting leaders of the other four parties — the Social Action Party, the Democrat Party, Rassadorn Party and the United Democratic Party.

"I am very confident this coalition can form a stable government," he said. He was due to formally submit his name as the candidate for prime minister to the president of parliament today. It would be forwarded to the king for approval.

Chart Thai won 87 seats in the election and the coalition parties command 215 out of the total of 357 seats.

**Zia's claim inaccurate, says Yaqub Khan****Soviets not returning to Kabul**

WASHINGTON, July 29. (Reuters): Pakistani Foreign Minister Sahabzada Yaqub Khan recanted on Thursday his President's claim that Soviet troops were being sent back to Afghanistan.

Yaqub Khan, here for talks with US Secretary of State George Shultz to chart strategy during the Soviet pullout from Afghanistan, also said that once Soviet troops leave Afghanistan "the chips can fall where they may."

**Mistake**

The two men met at the State Department for private talks after Yaqub Khan said claims by Pakistani President Mohammed Zia-ul-Haq last week that Moscow was reintroducing troops into Afghanistan were based on mistaken information.

Yaqub Khan, in an interview with the Washington Times, said: "The information given to our President was inaccurate and further verification showed that there has been no increase of

strength as had been indicated..."

He told reporters after meeting Shultz that the information, which came from a United Nations official, Benji Sevan, who had talks with Soviet officials in Kabul, was "a mistake" and the United States and Pakistan should now look beyond the Soviet withdrawal.

Soviet Chief of Staff Marshal Sergei Akhromeyev had dismissed Zia's assertion as "pure slander" and US officials accepted Akhromeyev's word.

Afghan President Najibullah was quoted on Thursday as saying about half the Soviet troops in his country had already left under UN-mediated accords.

The official Bakhtar news agency said he made the comment in remarks to a group of Afghan guerrillas visiting Kabul under government safe conduct guarantees to celebrate Eid Al Adha.

He told them there were no Soviet troops now in 19 of Afgh-

anistan's 31 provinces, Bakhtar said.

Bakhtar, monitored in Islamabad, quoted Najibullah as telling the group of 342 rebels the withdrawal was progressing "in conformity with the fixed frame."

"Around half of the Soviet forces have already returned to the Soviet Union" he said.

**Rockets**

Afghan rebels fired 18 rockets at the eastern Afghan city of Jalalabad killing seven people and wounding six, the Soviet news agency Tass reported on Thursday.

Two women and three children were among the dead, it said.

In the past few days there were 18 shellings and raids in six Afghan provinces, including Kabul province, the report said.

Some people had been killed and others wounded, the report added. No figures were given.

Meanwhile, a Soviet spokes-

man on Thursday denied a Reuter report from Pakistan that three Soviet officers had been captured and another killed by anti-government rebels near Herat in western Afghanistan.

"This report does not correspond in any way to reality," Vadim Perfiliev of the Foreign Ministry told a news briefing. He said the ministry had checked with the Soviet Army command in Afghanistan which reported no such incident took place.

The Reuter report, from Quetta, quoted a rebel field commander Mohammad Sarwar of the Jamiat-e-Islami as saying on Wednesday that he had seen the three officers who he said had been captured while swimming in the Shindand area 80 km south of Herat.

Perfiliev told the news brief-

ing he was surprised that Reuters "uses such unverified and questionable sources."

He also hinted that Moscow might be ready to meet Afghan rebels about Soviet servicemen held by the insurgents.

**UN helping Palestinians rebuild their camps**

BEIRUT, July 29. (AP): The United Nations Relief and Works Agency is helping thousands of Palestinians rebuild their devastated camps after years of factional warfare that killed 1,727 people and wounded 4,127.

The Beirut camps, which were heavily damaged by Israel's invading Army in 1982, have been pulverized by PLO dissidents and Shiite Muslim militias in the last three years.

The Shatila camp, once the home for 6,500 refugees, is in ruins. The nearby sprawling Bourj El Barajneh shantytown also has sustained heavy destruction.

UNRWA teams have launched what they called a "cleaning campaign" to encourage thousands of refugees, who fled the latest round of warfare between rival Palestinian factions, to return to their Beirut shanties.

The agency's director in Lebanon, Franke de Jonge, a Dutchman, said on Thursday about 134 Palestinian families have so far returned to their shacks in Shatila. A larger number went back to Bourj El Barajneh, he said.

Jonge said a similar campaign has been conducted in 10 other refugee camps throughout Lebanon.

UNRWA personnel were seen on Thursday patching up holes in Shatila caused by shells and rockets. Some were removing debris blocking the dusty alleys, while others repaired blown-out water pipes, cleaned sewage and collected garbage.

"We are so grateful to UNRWA. We never thought of returning to our home before UNRWA's help, which boosted our morale," said 41-year-old housewife Zeina Fahoun as she was removing the rubble from her home in Shatila.

UNRWA has distributed some 500 seedlings to Shatila's children to plant them in front of their shacks after the trees," Jonge said as he was removing a pile of rubble in Shatila.

Shatila, or what was left of it from the earlier battles, was virtually flattened after guerrillas of Col. Saeed Mousa's Fatah uprising faction overrun it on June 27, ousting Yasser Arafat's Fatah loyalists.

Although Beirut's other major camp, Bourj El Barajneh, sustained less damage, many of its shelters are uninhabited because of large shell holes. Arafat's men have been divided since the end of World War II and never signed a peace treaty following the 1950-53 Korean war.

The head of North Korea's parliament, Yang Hyong Sop, sent a letter to the US Congress calling for direct talks in either Pyongyang, New York or a third country to discuss signing a peace treaty, the news agency said.

Leaders of South Korea's major political parties accepted the North Korean offer the following day.

National Assembly officials

said a South Korean letter

proposing the talks will be delivered to North Korea through Panmunjom, the border truce site, on Monday.

**Jordan scraps W. Bank development plan****Arafat to visit Amman shortly**

AMMAN, July 29. (Reuters): Jordan expects PLO leader Yasser Arafat to visit Amman next week following the kingdom's cancellation of its development plan for the occupied West Bank, a senior Jordanian official said.

The official told reporters Jordan also planned to dissolve its lower house of parliament, whose 60 seats are equally shared by representatives from the East and West Banks.

The official said Arafat, chairman of the Palestine Liberation Organisation, would discuss the basis for future Palestinian relations with Jordan, now that the kingdom had partially disengaged itself from the Israeli-held West Bank.

The Jordanian government announced earlier on Thursday it was abandoning its development plan, launched in 1986, because it wanted to allay suspicions about

its motives.

The official said Jordan was also willing to discuss with the PLO how the two sides could assist a seven-month-old Palestinian uprising in the Israeli-occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip.

King Hussein invited Arafat to Amman in March, but the PLO chief has so far stayed away.

Relations have been uneasy since the collapse in February 1986 of a Jordan-PLO accord on a joint approach to Middle East peace talks.

**Changes**

Political sources said cabinet changes to reduce the number of ministers from the West Bank were also planned.

A cabinet statement, carried by the state-run news agency Petra, said Jordan had abandoned the development plan in

**Kim urges US to help reunite Korea**

TOKYO, July 29. (UPI): In a continuing diplomatic offensive, North Korean President Kim II Sung appealed to the United States to help reunite Korea, and the North Korean parliament called for direct talks with US Congress, the official (North) Korean Central News Agency reported.

Kim also took the issue to the UN Security Council which on July 29 issued a resolution expressing deep regret over the loss of life but not condemning the United States.

On Thursday, a US Defense Department spokesman said a US team of investigators had ended its probe of the incident and an unclassified version of its report would be released after it was studied by Defense Secretary Frank Carlucci.

In the island's north, nearly 50,000 Indian soldiers deployed under the peace accord were put on alert after Tamil rebels called for a demonstration to protest the peace pact.

On Thursday, 14 Sinhalese farmers were killed by Tamil rebels near Padaviya village, northeast of Colombo.

The peace accord, signed by India and Sri Lanka on July 29, 1987, calls for the government to grant limited autonomy to minority Tamils in exchange for the rebels giving up their fight for a separate Tamil nation.

Meanwhile, authorities closed one of the nation's six universities indefinitely following violent clashes between rival student political groups.

At least 10 students at Rajshahi University were injured Wednesday in the clashes and nearly 100 dormitory rooms were ransacked, police said. They said the students also set fire to furniture and books.

The trouble erupted when more than 100 supporters of the fundamentalist Jamaat-e-Islami party raided the campus and clashed with supporters of an eight-party alliance.

Students demanded recognition of their union by the end of August but did not say what they might do if this were refused. There were no reports of police intervention.

Students have been in the vanguard of popular unrest across the country during the past five months. Diplomats say the unrest claimed the lives of more than 200 people, and led to last week's resignation of Ne Win, who ruled with an iron hand for 26 years.

The Shwedagon pagoda, whose gold-clad spire dominates the Rangoon skyline, was briefly taken over by students during bloody riots in the capital in June.

Authorities reported on Thursday that police opened fire in the northern district of Myade, about 320 km north of Rangoon. They killed one man and injured five, after stone-throwing rioters rampaged through the streets.

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## KUWAIT ... GULF

### 'Saudi Arabia is a peace-loving nation'

LONDON, July 29, (KUNA): The Saudi Ambassador to Washington, Prince Bandar Ibn Sultan has said, Saudi Arabia had reasons and justifications for severing relations with Iran.

"Once these reasons are removed nothing would stop the resumption of relations because the kingdom respects the Iranian Muslim people and wishes them welfare."

**Implementation**

Prince Bandar said the implementation of the UN Security Council resolution 598 to bring an end to the Iran-Iraq war requires that all parties should reconsider their stands. To a statement to the London

based Al Hawades magazine Bandar said the kingdom is a peace-loving nation and therefore, it would follow up the events and would make the appropriate decision after assessing the situation.

Regarding the kingdom's weapons purchasing, Bandar said the diversification in arms source is a wise policy.

Bandar commended the Saudi-American relations and described them as deep-rooted, firm and based on mutual respect.

He highlighted the efforts of the Saudi monarch to achieve Islamic and Arab solidarity.

### Japanese minister to visit Iraq and Iran

TOKYO, July 29, (KUNA): Japan's Deputy Foreign Minister Takakazu Koryama is scheduled to pay a visit to Iran and Iraq next week for talks with officials there on efforts exerted towards implementing Security Council Resolution 598.

According to press reports today, Koryama will meet to Tehran next Friday with Iran's Foreign Minister Ali Akbar Velayati.

**Negotiations**

In the meantime, a Japanese Foreign Ministry official told reporters today that Koryama will also meet with US Assistant Secretary of State for Middle East Affairs Michael Armacost to Washington.

The Japanese and American diplomats will exchange views in regard to the Middle East and negotiations towards achieving a ceasefire between Iraq and Iran.

Quoting Foreign Ministry officials, the press reports added that following conclusion of his visit to Tehran, Koryama will leave for Baghdad for talks with Foreign Minister Tareq Aziz.

Koryama, special emissary of the Japanese Foreign Minister Susumu Uno, is also expected to

discuss with Iranian and Iraqi officials his country's role in the reconstruction process.

Following his Gulf tour, the Japanese diplomat will fly to New York to brief the UN Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar on outcome of his talks with Iranian and Iraqi officials.

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### UK to review naval presence after ceasefire takes hold

LONDON, July 29, (KUNA): Britain's Defence Secretary George Younger has said that an end to the Iran-Iraq war would be "a major event for the Middle East" and it would lead to positive developments in the region.

In an interview with KUNA, Younger reiterated that Britain was "very pleased indeed with Iran's decision to accept the UN Security Council Resolution 598."

The minister pointed out "we were surprised, but pleased when we heard about the Iranian move."

**Optimism**

He noted that the Iranians have become "war weary" and expressed the hope that the UN Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar would soon get an agreed basis for a ceasefire in the Gulf.

The minister voiced optimism about the prospects of peace in the area, but in the meantime indicated that the British naval task force, the Armilla patrol, would continue its work until "we see the effect of a ceasefire."

"If this is a genuine ceasefire and no hostilities take place, then we would clearly review the size of our naval presence in the hope of being able to reduce it."

Furthermore, the British defence secretary hinted that the Armilla patrol would remain in place in the near future.

"We have traditionally had

some Royal Navy presence in the area on a visiting basis, even before there was a war in the Gulf."

He stressed that Britain has many friends in the Gulf and would continue to foster their friendship.

During the interview Younger described the Gulf war as one of the "most fruitless disputes in the Middle East" has ever seen as there was no realistic prospect of either Iran or Iraq defeating each other."

**Fruitless**

He believed that the war was "more futile than wars usually are because there was no final winner or loser."

He was confident that a peaceful resolution of the dispute could lead to a big reduction of tensions in the Gulf, while remarking that this development could also bring about a resumption of normal trade relations between all states involved in the region.

Younger suggested that Britain would also like to rebuild its relations with Iran.

He restated that Britain enjoys very good relations with all the Arab Gulf countries and had not taken sides in the Gulf war.

But the minister was emphatic that Iran should give clear guarantees about the safety of British diplomats in Tehran before full diplomatic relations could be restored.

"Our friends remain our friends, but it is too early to talk about resuming defence sales to the two warring countries until peace was fully established," the defence secretary added.

Referring to his recent visit to Kuwait, Younger said that it was a "friendship trip between old friends and defence sales

### Pilgrims returning

PILGRIMS have started returning to Kuwait after performing Hajj.

Pilgrims praised the services extended by the Saudi authorities.

More than a million have travelled to Saudi Arabia from different parts of the world for the Hajj.

Wajih Qtani who has performed Hajj several times said that services offered by the Saudi authorities were better than before.

He added that the Kuwaiti medical mission was equally good and provided comfort and health facilities. Security, he said, was different from previous years and available at all times.



Pilgrims at the Kuwait International Airport.

### Arab ministers' conference

CONTACTS are under way to convene an Arab foreign ministers' conference in August, to discuss recent Arab developments, particularly efforts to arrange a ceasefire in the Iraqi-Iranian war, according to a press report on Thursday.

Al Qabas newspaper quoted unnamed Arab diplomatic sources as stating that the majority of Arab states believe an end of the Gulf conflict necessitates the rearrangement of Arab ranks and a new strategy to fit the post-war

**Peace**

Il peace is endorsed, efforts must be concentrated to boost the Palestinian uprising and political work activated to further project the Palestinian cause and its impact on world peace, the sources concluded.

### Committee formed to fight AIDS

THE Minister of Public Health, Dr Abdul Razzaq Al Abdul Razzaq, issued a decision yesterday ordering the setting up of a national committee to fight against AIDS. The decision stipulated the basic preventive measures within the framework of a national strategy.

This decision will implement the recommendations of the Regional Committee for the East Mediterranean Region of the World Health Organisation (WHO), which were issued after its meeting last year in Baghdad.

The decision also takes note of the first and second conferences on AIDS held in Kuwait in 1986 and 1987.

The national committee is headed by the Public Health

Ministry Undersecretary, Dr Nael Al Naqueeb, and consists of doctors, specialists, representatives of several ministries as well as a professor of religious studies and a lawyer.

The decision states that the main duties of the committee are to work out the general policy for prevention and treatment of the disease in Kuwait and to prepare the necessary plans and programmes to protect people from the killer disease, which will include public awareness campaigns.

The committee will also propose the measures necessary to preserve the rights of patients and their personal freedom within the law and social norms.

### Bahraini premier has successful operation

BAHRAIN, July 29, (Reuter): Bahraini Prime Minister Sheikh Khalifa Bin Salman Al Khalifa has had a successful medical operation in Saudi Arabia, officials said today.

The operation was performed at the armed forces hospital in Riyadh. An official statement said it was performed by a heart surgeon.

The Bahraini officials said Sheikh Khalifa, 52, who has been treated in the past for a heart ailment, was in good health. Sheikh Khalifa has been prime minister since 1975 and is a brother of Bahraini's Amir, Sheikh Issa.

The paper cited reports that Washington had frozen economic and military co-operation with Qatar because that Arab Gulf country "illegally" obtained US-made Stinger missiles.

"This means one thing: absolute US hostility to the Arabs," according to the paper which, meanwhile, indicated that the American administration and Congress lawfully supply Israel with weaponry and even "the right to kill and annihilate the others and eliminate their existence."

The paper bitterly opined that the Congress would not hesitate to go to any length including "bypassing its legislative power... as to oblige Arabs and to prove its uncanny effectiveness in serving Israel and International Zionism."

### Iraqi stand supported

A LOCAL daily has backed Iraq's call for a "clear and specific plan" to settle all aspects of the Gulf conflict in order to achieve lasting peace between the two Gulf belligerents.

"Al Rai Al Aam" newspaper expressed fear that cessation of armed hostilities between Iraq and Iran would only be a "step for freezing the conflict... and a long truce."

It called on the international community to exert all possible efforts to find a lasting and comprehensive solution to the protracted war between Iraq and Iran and to create the necessary conditions for a peaceful settlement.

The newspaper cautioned that the big powers always left "areas for manoeuvres" and loopholes that allow interference to re-kindle conflicts and create tensions.

### Vegetable market in Sulaibikhat

KHALED Abdullah Al Rashed, the managing director of Kuwait Agricultural Products Company, has said that a new vegetable market has been established by the company in the Sulaibikhat area.

He mentioned how, in the past, farmers had suffered as a result of the prevailing monopoly mentality, which caused drastic drops in the prices of local produce.

"We hoped that the company had been able to learn from the previous mishandling of the marketing process and was planning to purchase the produce of local farmers at the centres of Al Abdali and Al Wafra, at prices determined by the daily market situation."

He said furthermore, that the company aimed to export surplus to foreign markets in order to offset the fall in prices in the local market.

### Teenager drowned

By Khalid Al Rakabi

A 16-YEAR-OLD youth identified as Hadi Mousen Al Shemari drowned in the swimming pool complex at the Wafer-front Project.

Hadi's friends said, they along with the boy had gone to swim at 9.30 pm. At around midnight when they could not find Hadi, they took his clothes and went to his father.

Hadi's brother Ali said that he and his father went to the complex after midnight where the watchman affirmed there was no one inside the complex as it was searched thoroughly prior to closing. However, they stayed there in the hope of finding the boy still somewhere around the complex.

At 3.30 am, they saw cleaning workers running towards the pool and an ambulance subsequently arriving. The boy was found floating in the pool.

Ali has accused the supervisors of the pools complex of negligence.

### Follow health guidelines

A RESPONSIBLE source at the Ministry of Public Health has warned against neglecting health guidelines at swimming pools in the country.

He elucidated by stating that swimming pools are considered important entertainment utilities for people during summer and consequently could pass on contagious diseases among swimmers if health restrictions are not followed.

The source called for continuous and accurate medical control by relevant authorities to protect swimmers from infection. Swimmers should also be regularly checked to ensure they are free from diseases, he added.

He disclosed that most contagious diseases at swimming pools are the catarrh, respiratory system diseases, infection of the middle ear and skin diseases.

### UN chief's plan to implement ceasefire

UNITED NATIONS, July 29, (KUNA): On September 16, 1987, the secretary-general submitted to the Security Council a plan of implementation of Security Council Resolution 598. The current peace negotiations are based on this plan. Following are its nine elements:

1. — from a specific date, to be agreed upon, referred to for the purpose of negotiations as D-Day, a ceasefire would be observed.

2. — on a specific date after D-Day, which would have to be agreed upon, the withdrawal of all forces to the internationally recognised boundaries would start (to be completed within an agreed time-frame);

3. — on D-Day, a team of United Nations observers would be dispatched to verify, confirm and supervise the ceasefire and, subsequently, the withdrawal of all forces;

4. — D-Day, or on an agreed date thereafter, prisoners of war would begin to be released and repatriated in accordance with the Third Geneva Convention of 1949;

5. — on D-Day, I would start negotiations with Iran and Iraq with a view to achieving a comprehensive, just and honourable settlement of all outstanding issues acceptable to both sides;

6. — on D-Day, or another date to be agreed upon, an impartial body to inquire into the responsibility for the conflict would start its work;

7. — at a date to be agreed, the

### Fish is an important source of food

ADNAN AL RUSHOUD, the director of the fish wealth department at the Public Authority of Agriculture and Fish Resources, has said that fish is an important source of food and national income for Kuwait.

He dismissed the Israeli criticism of the new Anglo-Saudi arms deal, underscoring that "Britain has done business with Saudi Arabia for a long time, and there is no offensive intent against Israel."

**Support**

On the Arab-Israeli dispute, the minister expressed the hope that progress would be made and reaffirmed Britain's support for the idea of the international conference on the Middle East.

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### Summer work

THE acting undersecretary for students and sports affairs at the Ministry of Education, Abdullah Al Loqman, has expressed satisfaction over the success of the students' working experiment during the summer vacation.

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## EVENTS

**SUNDAY**

- 6.00 Holy Quran
- 6.10 Heathcliff
- 6.30 3-2-1 Contact: a programme on various types of primitive and developed means of communications
- 7.00 Understanding Islam: weekly talk on Muslim philosophy presented by Arafat Al Ashi
- 7.30 Valerie: the mother arranges a meeting between her son and a girl she knows well; her youngest son brings home the neighbours' dog.
- 8.00 News in English
- 8.30 The Flying Doctors: a new doctor arrives in town while another takes off for Africa; the barman's wife falls ill and the new doctor has to treat her.
- 9.30 My Two Dads: "Once a Son..." Joe opens an art exhibition, but his father asks him to give up such unprofitable business.
- 10.00 Hillary's Adventures: an Englishman crosses the ocean in a small rowing boat and a young woman traverses the skies in a balloon.
- 10.30 Bestseller: "The Perfect Spy," based on John Le Carre's novel
- 11.30 News Summary/Magazine d'Actualite/Closedown

**MONDAY**

- 6.00 Holy Quran
- 6.10 Geltur
- 6.30 The Craft of the Potter: "Glaze and Fire" a look at making and modifying glazes. Certain mysteries of kilns and firing are explained.
- 7.00 Roving Report: weekly roundup of world news and regional events.
- 7.30 The Duck Factory: the studio employees support a colleague attempting to convince his father that he was not destined to be a dentist.
- 8.00 News in English
- 8.30 Cuba Libre: a group of men prepare to invade Cuba, but first they need to raise money for the venture.
- 9.30 Private... Benjamin: "Judy Gets Her Gun." The recruits take part in a shooting contest, with unexpected results.
- 10.00 Hitchcock: "Prosecutor" An ambitious man tries to hoist on somebody else the blame for a crime he has committed.
- 10.30 The Equaliser: "Inner-view" McCall and Ginge help a psychic whose visions of a serial killer include her as a victim.
- 11.30 News Summary/Magazine d'Actualite/Closedown

**TUESDAY**

- 6.00 Holy Quran
- 6.10 Rabik
- 6.30 Chocky: Trouble is in store when the family

## This week on KTV 2

go on a holiday. Polly falls into a fast-flowing river and Matthew, who has never learnt to swim, saves her.

7.00 Australian Ark: "The Green World" Flora today and its evolution through hundreds of millions of years

8.00 News in English

8.30 Yon and the Law

8.40 Magnum: "Novel Connection". Three women arrive in Magnum's ranch where attempts on their lives occur ... But they refuse any help extended from Magnum and wait the arrival of a more reliable private detective.

9.30 Les Faucheurs De Marguerites: Edward and his wealthy uncle along with their German companion arrive in America to verify the success achieved by the Wright Brothers in utilising thermal energy to propel a plane upward ...

10.00 Perfect Strangers: "To Be or Not to Be". The two cousins are asked to participate in a TV commercial.

10.30 Slightly Honourable: B/W film starring Eve Arden, Claire Dodd as lawyer partners who set out to break a crime syndicate

**WEDNESDAY**

- 6.00 Holy Quran
- 6.10 Inspector Gadget
- 6.30 The Kids of Degrassi Street: "Jeffry Finds a Friend." Connie competes with Jeffry in maths, but both realise that co-operation and friendship is better.
- 7.00 Computers in Control: "Recognising the Obvious." Computer applications in modern industries for increasing production on rapid rates ...
- 7.30 Growing Pains: "Gone But Not Forgotten," The Seavers' house is



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Sunday's bestseller: The Perfect Spy, based on John Le Carre's novel

## KTV 1 weekly highlights

**SUNDAY**

- 10.15 Dawa Lil Hub: Arabic daily serial starring Mirvat Amin
- 11.15 Al Dunya-Al Salam: Arabic daily serial
- 12.30 Al Sarab: Arabic serial Hama Al Qahera: Arabic film starring Mohamed Subbi and Suad Naser
- 6.00 Al Jawharah: a series for children
- 9.45 Al Husan: Arabic serial
- 10.30 Late Night Variety Show

**MONDAY**

- 4.15 Italy vs Brazil: World Cup Final 1970
- 6.00 Mama Anisah and the Children
- 8.10 The Holy Quran and Science: prepared and produced by Dr Ahmed Shawki Ibrahim
- 10.45 The Last Night: Arabic film starring Faten Hamahah, Ahmed Mazzah, Mahmoud Mursi and Kamal Yaseen

**TUESDAY**

- 4.15 Silver Spoons: English serial
- 4.15 Human Emotions: Arabic play featuring Salabi Zulfqar, Ilham Shaheen and Emad Rashad
- 10.45 Nogoom Al Madina: A variety show presented by Sakina Fuad

**WEDNESDAY**

- 4.15 The Longest Bridge: English film about the Sino-Japanese War of 1931-37.
- 6.00 Bandak and Bandoka: children's serial starring Abdurrahman Abu Zahra and Liza
- 10.45 Hekaya Men Al Baya: starring Meiad Awad, Hassan Ibrahim, Yusuf Al Jamal, and Mohamed Khotoum

**THURSDAY**

- 4.15 The Saint: English serial
- 10.15 Al Saif Al Maskood: local weekly serial for children, starring Abdul Aziz Al Haddad, Ahmad Hazem, Ali Al Muftadi and Awatif Mohammed
- 10.30 Hadith Deep: religious talk by Sheikh Mohamed Mutwali Sbarawi Hindi Film
- 8.25 Al Funoon: focus on arts in the Arab world
- 10.45 Naseeb: weekly local serial

starring Roger Moore as the smooth and suave detective Simon Templar

10.00 Al Awtantija: Arabic film starring Suhaib Al Babeli, Afaf Shuaib, Said Saleh. The mother doesn't want her son to marry the girl he loves.

11.45 Late Night Variety Show

**FRIDAY**

- 10.15 Al Saif Al Maskood: local weekly serial for children, starring Abdul Aziz Al Haddad, Ahmad Hazem, Ali Al Muftadi and Awatif Mohammed.
- 10.30 Hadith Deep: religious talk by Sheikh Mohamed Mutwali Sbarawi Hindi Film
- 8.25 Al Funoon: focus on arts in the Arab world
- 10.45 Naseeb: weekly local serial

why its nose grows so big...

10.00 Sledge Hammer: "The Last of the Red Hot Vampires." An assistant director plans to exploit the alleged death of an actor who plays the role of a vampire.

10.30 L.A. - Law: Kozak wants a tobacco company to pay a compensation for damages caused as a result of smoking cigarettes while Victor purchases a car at a very high price...

11.30 News Summary/Magazine d'Actualite/Closedown

**THURSDAY**

6.00 Holy Quran

6.10 Blame Six

6.30 Sesame Street: tutorial, educational and recreational programme for children ...

7.30 Full House: "Daddy's Home"

8.00 News in English

8.30 High Mountain Rangers: "Competitions" Roy Kohn is jealous of the Rangers team and plans to carry out rescue operations alone

9.30 I Married Dora: "God's Waiting Room"

10.00 The Hit Squad: Practical jokes, intrigues, laughs, fun and sneaky hits captured through the hidden camera

10.30 Feature film: "Territorial Men" starring Brenda Vaccaro, Bert Kraemer. Sarah, a beautiful school teacher remains lonely until a very rich man suddenly comes to her village to purchase a ranch.

11.30 News summary/Magazine d'Actualite/Closedown

**FRIDAY**

2.00 Holy Quran

2.10 Cartoons

2.30 Sports Studio

6.00 Foo Foo

6.30 Walt Disney Film: "Flash, the Teenage Otter." Adventures of a young fox from birth to maturity and independence

7.30 The Bay City Rollers Show: songs, humorous discussions and a short story for children...

8.00 News in English

9.30 Summer '88

8.40 Beauty and the Beast: Catherine endeavours to help a young gypsy boy whose grandfather, the "gypsy king" believes him to be dead.

8.30 227: "The Working Game." Mary wants her husband to find her a job but he has other plans.

10.00 Guinness Records

10.30 Taur of Duty: "Dislocation" Goldman and Anderson are charged to evacuate a Vietnamese village.

11.30 News summary/Magazine d'Actualite/Closedown

## TELEVISION PROGRAMMES

### KTV 1

9.00 Holy Quran

9.30 Space Adventure: cartoon serial

10.15 Dawa Lil Hub: starring Mirvat Amin, Mustafa Fahmi, Iman Al Tuki

11.15 Al Dunya Al-Salam: Arabic serial, starring Suad Abdullah, Hayat Al Fahed

12.00 News

12.15 A&B: a cultural programme

1.00 News summary

1.05 World today via satellite

2.00 Songs and Music

2.35 Al Sarab: Arabic serial starring Mahmoud Saeed, Abu Ghareeb, Abder Issa

3.35 Bill and Sebastian: cartoons

4.00 News summary

4.15 Hekaya Al Ayam Al Aseebah

6.00 The Junior Artist

6.30 Official announcements and information

11.45 News summary

11.50 World today via satellite

7.00 Noor Al Islam: prepared and presented by Ahmad Abdul Qadir

7.30 Nazrat Al Alam

7.50 Security and citizens

9.00 News in Arabic

9.45 Al Hisan: Arabic daily serial starring Sanitha Ayoub and Saad Ardush

10.45 Al Liqa Al Thani: Arabic weekly serial starring Mahmoud Yaseen, Bouzi and Mahmoud Masoud

11.45 News summary

11.50 World today via satellite

### KTV 2

6.00 Holy Quran

6.10 Duck Tales

6.30 God's Wonderful Railway: "Clear Ahead" Part 2

George has become a signalman but he is made to feel a failure at work and at home.

6.30 World of Survival: a look at the struggle for survival among

the various inhabitants of the Arizona desert.

7.30 Alf: "The Boy Next Door," a young boy makes a deal with Alf, promising not to reveal his secret.

8.00 News in English

8.30 Simon and Simon: "You Too Can Be a Detective." Molly, a stewardess, asks the Simons to train her as a detective after one of her colleagues is murdered and another promoted.

9.30 Beyond 2000: a look at the products of modern technology

10.30 TV Movie: "King of the Mountain" a group of young men go racing on mountain slopes at night.

11.30 News Summary/Magazine d'Actualite! Closedown

Please note that programmes and timings are liable to change without notice.

## RADIO PROGRAMMES

### English

#### Morning

0800 Opening

0802 Songs and Music

0830 Songs and Music

0845 Daily Programme

0900 Cultural Horizon

0930 Reggae Rock

1000 Our Press Today

1005 Songs and Music

1000 The Years of Pops

1100 Closedown

11.30 News summary/Magazine d'Actualite/Closedown

**Evening**

2100 Opening

2102 Songs and Music

2130 News

2145 Point of View

2155 Songs and Music

2200 Kuwaiti in a Week

2215 Rock On

2245 Daily Programme

2300 Strictly Romantic

2330 Amazing Facts

2400 Closedown

**BBC World Services**

0000 World News

09 News about Britain

15 Radio News

30 Personal View

45 Recording of the Week

0100 News Summary followed by Outlook

30 Meridian

1200 Radio News

15 Multirack 3

45 Sports Roundup

1300 World News

09 Twenty-Four Hours: News Summary

30 Personal View

45 The World Today

0600 Newsdesk

30 Meridian

0700 World News

09 Twenty-Four Hours: News Summary

30 From the Weeklies

### PRAYERS

Fajr 3.38 am

Zohr 11.54

Aср 3.30 pm

Maghreb 6.41

Isha 8.07

### NIGHT CHEMIST

# ARAB TIMES

## Thought for today

THE BORROWER IS A SERVANT TO THE LENDER — *The Bible.*

## OPINION

### Forget the past, hold direct talks

ABOUT three months ago in a meeting with commanders of the Air Force, Iraqi President Saddam Hussein announced that this would be the last year of the war.

On that day, we had announced that it was the first occasion at which he had made this prediction and commented that the President was not speaking from a vacuum.

What we are witnessing now, is the exact reality of his statement. The official acceptance to the end of the war — after it had practically ended.

Talk of ending the war was repugnant in this region. Though, Khomeini stated "accepting to end the war is just like taking poison." However, the different opposing Iranian leaders must have gauged the true feelings and reactions of the Iranian people when accepting peace. Happiness was abundantly reflected in every corner of Iran.

This clearly demonstrates that the Iranian population did not support the political leadership in continuing the destructive mad war which kept apart neighbours, revived dead conflicts and created a chaotic and undesired climate.

The states of this region have repeatedly stated and this was echoed several times by the Iraqi President that Iran is a neighbouring country and will remain so.

Thus, relations with it can be established on an equitable basis provided a wise political leadership with a good deal of understanding is found in Iran.

Now that Iran has accepted peace, I do firmly believe that Iraq with its political leadership will not look towards humiliating the defeated party and will rise to the occasion with a view to opening a new chapter of peace.

The question now being asked is: What really prevents the Iranian leadership from starting direct negotiations with Iraq. The Iraqis, even at the climax of their victories repeatedly emphasised their willingness to live in peace and establish good relations with Iran.

Iraq could also benefit from mending its relations with the Arab world with whom it had lost its friendship.

Let's really begin in earnest direct negotiations by forgetting the miseries of the past. History is full of miseries and sad episodes — let us not add to its repertoire, but, rather talk about reconstructing a bright and peaceful future.

We want Iraq a strong neighbour; to co-operate with it within a vital region that can influence the movement of the world. Though, before accepting peace, Iran was thinking of achieving arcane and outdated dreams. Forget the past and prevent it from influencing the present and the future.

A direct meeting between Iraq and Iran would certainly strengthen and speed up the peace process in the region. Further, such a meeting will be conducive to wiping out the miseries of the past — provided the Iranian leadership is really sincere in officially accepting peace — after Iraq practically imposed this dictate.

Ahmed Al Jarallah

### Much salvage work in store after war

By Terri Taylor

DUBAI, (AP): Salvage executives in the Gulf have been dubbed "the vultures of war" for profiting from Iraqi and Iranian attacks on ships.

But many among them in Dubai, a shipping centre in the southern Gulf, predict they can double profits when Iran and Iraq sign a ceasefire agreement and the Gulf becomes politically calm again.

The salvagers had earned criticism because of the speed with which they raced to the scene of ship attacks to compete for the job of retrieving sunken or sinking vessels.

The first tugboat on the scene traditionally wins the job, and since the tanker war began escalating in 1984, salvage companies have fought for a share of the work that beckoned once their radios crackled "Mayday, Mayday," the common distress signal.

The salvagers defend their role. "Yes, I make money, big money," said one, who didn't want his name used. "But I'm no vulture. I'm an angel of mercy who just happens to get paid for saving ships, cargos, and men's lives."

#### Distress

By the account of Lloyd's Shipping Intelligence Unit in London, 546 tankers, freighters and small boats including salvage tugs, have been caught in the tanker war. Not all put out distress signals. Some sank before help could reach them. Others sank as the salvagers worked on them.

With 24-hour monitoring stations and fleets of fire-fighting tugs and launches, large international companies like the Dutch Smit Tak and Wijsmuller took the largest share of the work. Salvage claims on a badly-damaged tanker can run into tens of millions of dollars.

## New climate of public openness

### Soviet press reaps new prestige and criticism

By Thomas Kent

MOSCOW, (AP): Soviet journalism, for decades devoted mainly to praising government policy, is becoming more controversial — and prestigious.

Encouraged by the new climate of public openness, Soviet journalists are covering, sometimes even leading, campaigns against corrupt public officials, social ills and economic mismanagement. Readers who used to mistrust and ridicule newspapers now snap them up at newsstands.

#### Trust

But the new boldness of the press has brought sharp criticism by some party officials, who claim journalists are muckraking so much that they are undermining the country's basic values.

And the rise in journalists' credibility has been uneven. Big-city reporters covering domestic affairs have written widely on such once-taboo subjects as government corruption, disasters and drug addiction. But many foreign-affairs commentators and provincial journalists

have done less to change their ways.

"Trust in the press has risen, and journalists' prestige has risen accordingly," says Yuri N. Bandura, a deputy editor of Moscow News, a weekly that has become one of the nation's most outspoken since Mikhail Gorbachev came to power.

"There is a new link between journalism and the political process in society, a link to helping society and participating in its development," he said in an interview.

People used to enter Soviet journalism, he said, in hopes of becoming known for their literary style and eventually becoming novelists or playwrights. Now, he said, journalists are more interested in breaking stories and having an effect on public life.

As he spoke, a dozen people gathered outside the Moscow News offices, reading its newspaper on a display board. Moscow news has published viewpoints departing from the official line on foreign policy, literature and other subjects, and is now sold out on the day of publication.

Not all Soviets like the livelier press, though. At the recently concluded Communist Party conference in Moscow, writer Yuri Bondarev charged that the "reformist, press destroys, humiliates and flushes down the toilet our past and our sacred national values."

#### Support

Liberated editors Ivan Laptev of Izvestia and Grigory Baklanov of the literary monthly Znamya were shouted down in conference debates, although the gathering ultimately expressed support for the press' role in encouraging the restructuring of Soviet society.

Soviet journalists speak frankly now about the restrictions they faced before Gorbachev took over in 1985 and proclaimed his policy of "glasnost," or openness.

Judging by the press before Gorbachev, "no calamities, no accidents, no disasters, no drug addiction existed in our countries," Viktor Afanasyev, who has been chief editor of the Communist Party daily Pravda for nearly 13 years, said in an interview on the eve of the conference.

"We had a whole range of areas closed to criticism. Glasnost has opened these zones to us," he said — adding quickly, "within the bounds of socialism."

Soviet newspapers are still largely owned by party and government bodies, rather than existing as independent institutions. Their frequent exposés of social problems are in the service of the nation's leaders, who see openness about shortcomings as an essential part of Gorbachev's restructuring strategy.

#### Careful

As arms of the state and party, they remain unlikely to print serious arguments for dismantling of the nation's socialist system, and are still careful about reporting on sensitive topics.

Newspapers provided only slow and cautious coverage of recent civil unrest in the Caucasus Mountains territory of Nagorno-Karabakh, for instance, though even those reports would have been impossible a decade ago. When the central government finally decided the

territory's future last week, all papers dutifully carried the full texts of official statements on the matter.

One sign of rising public interest in the press, Afanasyev said, is a sharp increase in reader response. Readers' letters to Pravda, always at a high level, have risen in the past 12 months from 500,000 to 750,000 a year, he said.

In addition, Gorbachev and other leaders are meeting more frequently with journalists.

"It used to be that the bosses came, gave their orders, we agreed and they left," Afanasyev said. "Now, they listen to us."

Glasnost and "perestroika" — Gorbachev's programme to restructure Soviet society — have yet to reach some journalists.

"They are not prepared for

hard times if they publish something controversial."

Other journalists, those dealing with international affairs, have also been slow to follow the new trends in the Soviet press, Bandura said.

"International affairs writers aren't ready for the big changes. Great abilities are needed to analyze world events," he said.

#### Controlled

Traditionally, foreign affairs writers have been the most tightly controlled in Soviet journalism, heavily briefed by authorities and often merely repeating in their commentaries the phrases of official communiques.

Recent Soviet press questioning of Soviet actions in Afghanistan was a sensation, not followed up in other areas, and was almost certainly officially approved in advance.

To some Soviets, the new climate of journalistic openness is reminiscent of the late 1950s and early 1960s, when controls on the press were relaxed by Nikita Khrushchev, and of the 1920s, when some newspapers were published without government involvement.



## Poland's Lenin Shipyard

By John Daniszewski

GDANSK, Poland, (AP): A shadow hangs over the Lenin Shipyard in Gdansk, birthplace of the banned Solidarity Trade Union and once a showpiece of Polish industry.

The trouble this time is not labour unrest, but whether the state-owned yard will keep operating in the face of mounting credit problems and a government that says it is ready to start closing down financially ailing plants.

Solidarity activists discount the possibility that the yard would shut down, but management and representatives of official workers organizations told it out as a real possibility.

A strike at the yard May 2-10, led by Solidarity leader Lech Walesa, ended without a settlement.

During the strike, management announced that it was unable to qualify for new state subsidies or credits from the National Bank, and said the yard's future would have to be decided by the Ministry of Industry.

#### Production

"We are going on with production without a single zloty (less than a penny) in the cash box," the weekly newspaper *Zycie Gospodarcze* recently quoted shipyard director Czeslaw Tolwinski as saying. The newspaper described the yard as a "giant on partly rotten legs."

An agglomeration of docks, aging buildings and huge jointed cranes that tower above a series of Vistula River tributaries and

## Workers wait for decision on future

canals near the heart of this centuries-old Baltic port city, the yard will produce 11 ships this year, down from the high of 27 in the late 1970s.

The number of workers has also dropped, with only 5,000 or so of the 10,000-member workforce involved in direct production.

Ironically, says yard foreign trade manager Ireneusz Kubicek, they could produce more ships and have customers clamouring for them. But a lack of manpower is preventing it from exploiting its physical capacity.

Since the strike, work has resumed with an air of uncertainty, said Jerzy Bukowics, president of the worker's self-management council, whose job is to help run the shipyard along with management.

"The workers are full of doubts. We all know we are in a bad situation," he said. "So many workers worry about the prospects of being able to work here for a long time."

Kubicek said such worries are premature, but did not dismiss them entirely.

"A final decision has not been made either way," he said. "We are at the same point as before and we are working in a normal way."

Whether the yard is profitable or money-losing is a debatable question, he said, because so much depends on arbitrarily set tax regulations, material costs and credit rates which fluctuate widely and are beyond the shipyard's control.

But in a sign of confidence, 11 hulls were launched this year in order to have work for next year, he said.

#### Strike

Officials say the strike cost 500,000 man-hours of labour which has to be made up by overtime and higher productivity.

Workers got pay increases June 1, but management says they were planned before the walkout and cannot be credited to the strikers.

The increases were slightly higher than the 40 per cent raise the government said could be allowed in response to higher prices imposed this year. Pay now averages about 500,000 zlotys (\$111) a month and is structured to provide incentives for harder

work.

One of the people who does not believe the yard will close is longtime Gdansk Solidarity activist Bogdan Borusewicz.

"The whole thing was played up for propaganda while the (May) strike was in progress," he said.

### Fundamentalists say singing is sinful

By Sara El-Gammal

amplifiers.

The leading religious authority in this mainly Muslim country stepped into the fray this month, giving some consolation to both sides.

Sheikh Gad El Haq, rector of Cairo's Al Azhar University, ruled that music was not contrary to Islam provided songs were not obscene, did not encourage promiscuity, crime, or the use of drugs or alcohol.

He said there were no verses in the Holy Quran, or the hadith, the teachings of the Holy Prophet Mohammed, (PBUH), which directly prohibited songs or music.

**Listen**

Since civil war destroyed Beirut as an Arab playground, Cairo has attracted performers and fans from around the Arab world. Egyptian belly-dancers, visitors claim, rival Turkey's.

Ibrahim said fundamentalists were out of step with most Egyptians when they said singers Abdel-Halim Hafiz and Om Kolthoum were haram (forbidden).

"The bulk of Egyptians have liked their songs for years. They are part of their heritage," he said.

As many people listen to Abdel-Halim's ballads today in Egypt and other Arab countries

as they did before his death a decade ago.

And so popular was Om Kolthoum that huge crowds — some say a million people — turned out for her funeral in 1975. Her recordings are still big sellers.

Sociologist Ibrahim, who teaches at Cairo's American University, said violent splinter groups were swimming against the tide in a country that had long been a cradle of Arab culture and produced leading singers and composers of Arabic music.

#### Refuse

But fundamentalists like Amira refuse to listen to music or songs, even if they are religious. She said hers was the view "of Allah, his holy Prophet Mohammed (PBUH) and religious scholars before us."

Others are not against music in principle but have strict rules for performances.

### Newsletter tests tolerance in Cuba

By Gilles Trequier

HAVANA, (Reuters): A newsletter on religion in Cuba, taking advantage of an apparent thaw in church-state relations, is timidly testing the communist government's tolerance of matters previously censored in the press.

"I want to fill the vacuum of news on religion here," said Enrique Lopez Oliva, editor of Religion in Cuba.

"It's not an opposition publication, just a very modest complementary one, on aspects of Cuban life that are underreported in the media."

A correspondent for a Lima-based Christian News Service, Lopez Oliva initially covered human rights issues extensively but lately coverage has been restricted to purely church matters.

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"One is tempted to see it as no more than a cosmetic measure since, fundamentally, nothing has changed," he said.

"The church has not varied its position. Nor has the (Communist) Party, but it is slowly coming to terms with the fact that the church cannot be wiped out."

Without going as far as a Moscow-style glasnost in the press, western diplomats noted a relative opening of Cuban media this year toward new themes, religion being one of them.

The weekly supplement of the official Communist Party newspaper Granma

## MUSIC

ARAB TIMES, SATURDAY, JULY 30, 1988

# Busker overpowers charts

By Richard Cook

**THE** success of Tracy Chapman has electrified the music business. In another largely moribund year for rock music, this shy, rather awkward young woman has succeeded in overpowering the pop charts on both sides of the Atlantic with her debut album.

The nature of her music makes this even more extraordinary: shrewd, forceful songs delivered in the accents of a black folk singer, who was discovered busking in the streets of Cambridge, Massachusetts. Tracy Chapman is the closest thing one can find to a contemporary coffee-house folk record. It is the sort of set that would normally inspire a small, fanatical following and the occasional talk-show appearance. Instead, Chapman is selling records by the truckload.

Chapman was signed last year by Elektra, a label with a reputation of support for folkie troubadours — Judy Collins, Joni Mitchell, Tim Buckley. Her producer, David Kershner, provided discreet embellishments for her voice and acoustic guitar: "Fast Car," her current single, is balanced between that sparseness and the punch of a full rhythmic section; "Behind The Wall" is sung in bold isolation.

## Surpassed

Whatever Elektra hoped for, the results have far surpassed expectations. The album was released in April. It has entered the Billboard Top 10 in the United States, and it is also at the very top of the British charts.

In "America," only Rick Astley's album has been a more successful debut this year. In US terms, the LP has already outperformed every previous release by Joan Armatrading, the singer to whom Chapman is regularly compared. She is the first woman ever to top the British LP charts with her first album. Some suggest that the precedent for Chapman's success was set last year by Suzanne Vega, whose *Solitude Standing* LP reopened the genre of light, confessional

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Tracy Chapman: seemingly unimpressed with her sudden success

groaning. But Chapman is not much like Vega, whose music is tailored to urbane tastes.

Why has Chapman been so successful? Her record company worked ferociously hard to build a press reaction early on. Her two solo appearances in March at the Donmar Warehouse broke the secret to most of the British Press. The LP climbed steadily to number 25. But the turning point undoubtedly came with her appearance at the televised Nelson Mandela birthday concert at Wembley.

Amid the jolly hullabaloo of that event, Chapman's performance had a cold, striking dignity. She chose to sing only the most severe of her songs for the occasion — the catalogue of social injustices in "Why?" the bitter, restrained clarion call of "Talkin' Bout A Revolution." She almost succeeded in silencing Wembley with "Behind The Wall." Since then the album has gone from sales of 50,000 to 100,000 a week, with a total now in excess of 300,000 qualifying her for a platinum disc.

"I think people see it as a genuine album," says Paul Conroy, British MD of WEA's US division. "Not one like, oh, we'll stick a couple of hits on one side and eight other tracks. There are some records which the public just seem to pick up on, where people's ears just tell them something is good. This is one of those."

The performer herself is painfully reticent when it comes to interviews, a problem she is only reluctantly overcoming. The impassiveness of her face hardens when she sings, only to fold up in a downcast, nervous smile when she hears the applause. In conversation, she seems unimpressed by the great things predicted for her: perhaps she was told, early on, not to expect too much. "There are people who've said that no one will listen to music like this. I don't know — I like what I'm doing."

## Gratuity

What's strange about this quiet 24-year-old is the bottomless gravity and iron gaze of her writing and performing. She is a singer with no personal history: "I played acoustic guitar by myself, learning to sing and eventually playing in the clubs and colleges in New England. Oh, it's full of colleges. And I played in the streets, in some space where I could hear myself, like doorways or little shelters."

Yet she has behind her an ageless tradition of young protest. Blacks have seldom minded the folk circuit in recent years, but the content and tenor of Chapman's music would not work in any other context. Perhaps some of her appeal comes from the vicarious fascination which first drew a white audience to the blues. For there is a disturbing sense of ancient rage at the root of Chapman's art. The wrathful timbre of her delivery seems to hark back to a pre-rock generation, to the faceless, forgotten singers of the country blues. She is not a blues singer, but it may be no coincidence that the photos on her album cover look like the faded sepia portraits of vocalists who made records 60 years ago in acoustic studios, long since swallowed in time.

# Def Leppard retains top spot on US charts

## Top Ten US

The 10 top pop singles, as rated by Cash Box Magazine, with last week's positions in brackets:

1. (1) Pour Some Sugar On Me by Def Leppard (Mercury-Polygram).
2. (4) Roll With It — Steve Winwood (RCA).
3. (3) Hold on to the Night — Richard Marx (Emi-Manhattan).
4. (2) The Flame — Cheap Trick (Epic).
5. (8) Hands to Heaven — Breath (A-and-M)
6. (10) Sign Your Name — Terence Trent D'Arby (Columbia).
7. (19) Make Me Lose Control — Eric Carmen (Arista).
8. (15) New Sensation — INXS (Atlantic).
9. (11) One-Two-Three — Gloria Estefan and Miami Sound Machine (Epic).
10. (11) Rush Hour — Jane Wiedlin (Emi-Manhattan).

The sole newcomer to the top 10 was Gloria Estefan's One-Two-Three, hoping to ninth position from No. 13.

George Strait took over the top of the Cash Box Magazine country-and-western singles chart with Baby Blue. Reba McEntire was second with Sunday Kind of Love, and Don't We All Have the Rights by Ricky Van Shelton was third.

## By David Sinclair

JOAN Armatrading has quietly become one of Britain's most assured and sophisticated performers, a standing which will be bolstered by *The Shouting State*, her first release since 1986's *Sleight Of Hand*. instrumentally the collection rides on the contributions of top-notch players such as Mark Knopfler, Mark Brzezicki and Pino Palladino.

Lyrical however, her womanly observations on the battles that attend the deepest of interpersonal relationships are stated with a scrupulous and stark lack of subtlety which some may find uncomfortable. Life's emotional mysteries are usually best illustrated by lyrics that incorporate ambiguous elements of colour and shade, but the perspective suffers when such delicate matters are illuminated by the full glare of a fluorescent light.

Big Audio Dynamite has begun to look like a group with a great future behind it. The

## Record reviews

one innovative use of beatbox technology and the witty inserts of found sounds which characterized the early records have become commonplace, and accordingly *Tighten Up Vol. 88* is a return to basics. But even allowing for the absence of all those hustling, street-wise effects, and the lack of any hi-tech production, this is an alarmingly twee collection. Jones's anaemic voice brushes like a feather duster over the awkward tangles of words. The band sounds pooped, and manages to keep only the most lethargic grip on an undemanding pop songs like "Funny Names", "Apples", and "Hip Neck".

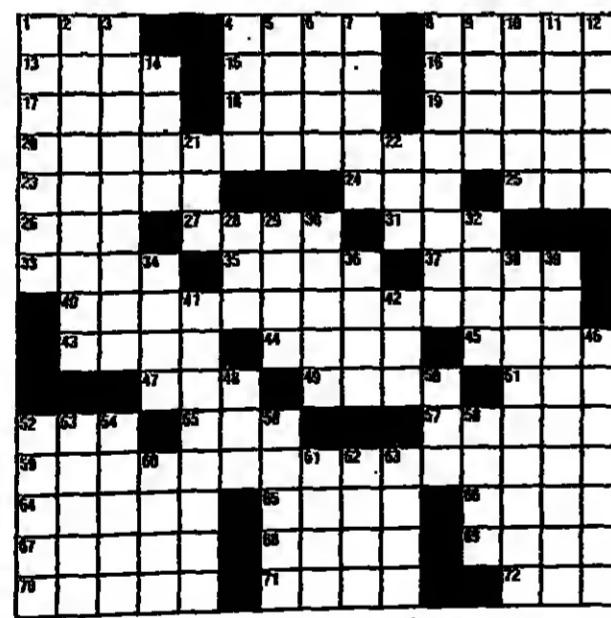
Sull, at least it doesn't suffer from the overwhelming vacuity which distinguishes *Billy Idol's Idol Songs — 11 Of The Best*. Idol, who used to be the singer in Generation X, turned out to be the biggest star which the punk movement produced. The reasons are all here — "Rebel Yell," "White Wedding," "Mony Mony," "Hot In The City," "Eyes Without A Face" and others — but for the most part he tackles his work with all the suave assurance and lack of depth one might expect from a man who is really a spiky-haired mutation of Shakin' Stevens.



Joan Armatrading: The Shouting Stage! (A&amp;M 5211) Big Audio Dynamite: Tighten Up Vol. 88 (CBS 461199) Billy Idol: Idol Songs — 11 Of The Best (Chrysalis BILTV 1)

By Brant Parker and Johnny Hart

## TODAY'S CROSSWORD



ACROSS  
1 Shipping wts.  
4 Shipshape  
8 Place of china  
13 Mellow  
15 "Wish you — here"  
16 Property tax in Brit.  
17 "Him in Paris"; 1937 movie  
18 Object of worship  
19 Heron  
20 Go down easily  
23 More competent  
24 Cure or center  
25 Questioning sounds  
26 Lettuce  
27 Kristofferson  
31 — matter of fact  
33 Emotion, to Rene  
35 Joy  
37 Island in a palindrome  
40 Keep mum  
43 Recipe direction  
44 Recorded proceedings  
45 Guinness  
47 Title for  
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## GOREN-BRIDGE

BY CHARLES GOREN AND OMAR SHARIF  
ONE FOR THE MOYSIAN FIT

Both vulnerable. South deals.

## NORTH

♦ 5 2

♥ 2 8 5

♦ A 4

♣ A K Q 2

## WEST

♦ 5 2

♥ 7 6 4 2

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♣ 8

## EAST

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## SOUTH

♦ A Q 3

♥ A Q J 3

♦ K 5 3

♣ 9 7 3

## The bidding:

South West North East

1 NT Pass 2 ♠ Pass

2 ♦ Pass 4 NT Pass

5 ♦ Pass 6 ♦ Pass

Pass Pass

## Opening lead: Eight of ♠

A seventeen-year-old New York

er, Brad Moss, became one of the

youngest players to win a national

title when he and his partner, Aaron

Silverstein, also of New York, captured

the Flight B Grand National

Pairs at the Spring North American

Championships, held in Buffalo.

This hand, from the final session of

the event, carried them to the title.

The power of the 4-3 fit was vig-

orously espoused by the late Al

phone "Sonny" Moyse, and has become known as the Moysian fit. North-South were using a 15-17 point range for their one no trump opening bids. North's two clubs was Stayman, looking for a four-card spade suit in his partner's hand, and four no trump was a quantitative no trump raise, not Blackwood.

South's five hearts conditionally accepted the slam invitation and showed a concentration of heart honors, and North opted for the suit slam on the known 4-3 fit because of his ruffing value in diamonds.

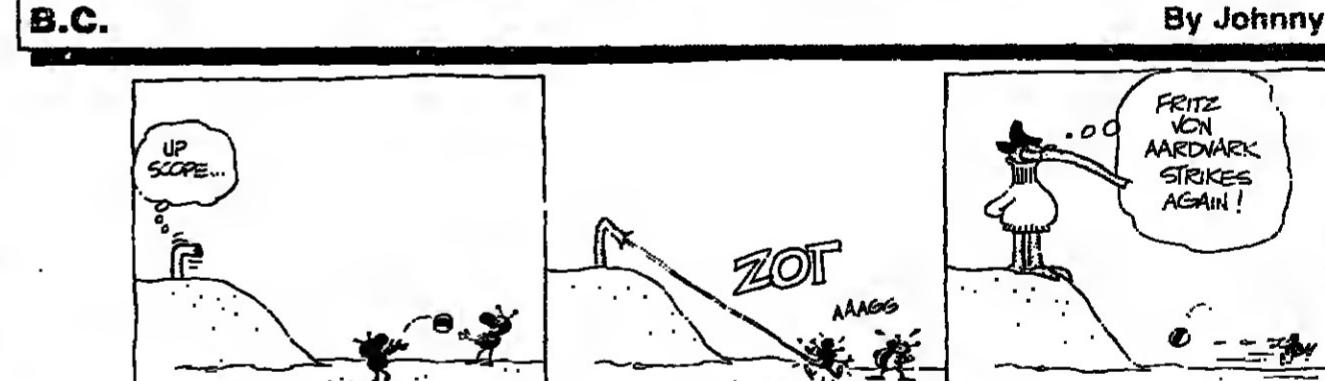
Moss won the opening lead in dummy, cashed the king of hearts and ace of diamonds, then drew a second round of trumps with the ace, to which both defenders followed. After cashing the king of diamonds, declarer ruffed a diamond with dummy's last trump as East discarded a club.

A winning spade finesse put declarer in hand to draw the last two trumps, on which he discarded spades from dummy. East could safely part with a spade on the first round of trumps, but the last trump caused him grievous harm. He knew he could not let go of a club, so he tried a spade. Declarer's three of spades became an overtrick for all the matchpoints.

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## YOUR STARS

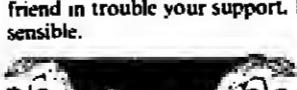


Aries: March 20 - April 18

Your prospects are good only if you must not allow your attention to wander. You will find it difficult to choose between two almost equally attractive alternatives. Watch your diet. Be sincere.



You will not find it quite so easy to deal with your daily routine. You should accept the inevitable instead of seeking to fight against it. Give a friend in trouble your support. Be sensible.



You should be on your guard against those who are trying to persuade you to act contrary to your principles. You will tend to be rather on the irritable side. Your intuition will be heightened but you should avoid having a late-night. Be considerate.

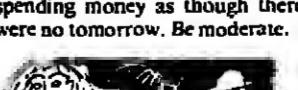


Cancer (June 21 - July 22)

You will be able to seize hold of a good opportunity but you must not linger. You should make sure you meet your present commitments before accepting any new ones. Avoid giving away something told to you in confidence. Be cordial.



The prospects are prevalently good but you must avoid doing anything foolish. You will be able to make up an old quarrel. Avoid spending money as though there were no tomorrow. Be moderate.



You will feel a little out of sorts and should try to have a relaxing day. At first you will be rather unsure of yourself but later it will all become clearer. You should try having a good laugh. Be resilient.



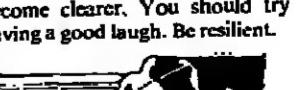
Libra (Sept 22 - Oct 22)

You will be able to seize hold of a good opportunity but you must not linger. You should make sure you meet your present commitments before accepting any new ones. Avoid giving away something told to you in confidence. Be cordial.



Scorpio (Oct 23 - Nov. 21)

You will feel a little out of sorts and should try to have a relaxing day. At first you will be rather unsure of yourself but later it will all become clearer. You should try having a good laugh. Be resilient.



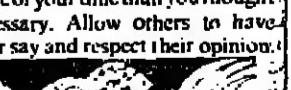
Sagittarius (Nov 22 - Dec 21)

Do not just allow things to happen but do not try to stem the flow of events either. You should seek not to get things out of proportion. You will have to make sure you do not drive too fast or far without a break. Be firm.



Aquarius (Jan 20 - Feb. 18)

The moon's better influence will help you to avoid giving too much emphasis to gloomy thoughts. A small matter is going to take up more of your time than you thought necessary. Allow others to have their say and respect their opinion.



By Kenneth Rose

WITHIN months of his Abdication, the Duke of Windsor had begun to brood over the injustices inflicted on him, as he supposed, by an inexperienced monarch and a vindictive court. They continued to embitter him until his death 35 years later.

The first grievance was a reduction in the annual allowance promised him by his brother King George VI as part of the Abdication settlement.

The second was a threat to withhold this pension unless the Duke agreed never to return to England without the permission of the Government. The third was the denial to the Duchess of Windsor of the style of Royal Highness borne by her husband. The fourth was the refusal of the King and Queen to offer her so much as a hand-shake or a cup of tea.

Michael Bloch, an assistant to the Duchess of Windsor's formidable lawyer, Maitre Blum, has already written three books based on the Duke's private papers. Under the catch-penny title *The Secret File of the Duke of Windsor*, he now examines this portrayed royal feud, a chronicle from which nobody emerges with much credit. To familiar material about the Windsors he adds extracts from the Duke's unpublished correspondence with his wife, his estranged brother, his legal advisers and his much-tried friend Sir Winston Churchill.

Well presented and moderate in tone, his commentary is likely to evoke a measure of sympathy for the Windsors. But here we read only one side of the argument.

Philip Ziegler's forthcoming biography of Edward VIII, authorised by the Queen and making use of the Royal Archives, may weave a very different Windsor tapestry.

The genesis of the quarrel lay in an agreement signed on the eve of the Abdication by which the new King agreed to pay the old an allowance of £25,000 a year; rather more than £600,000 a year; rather more than £600,000 in the currency of 1988. In return the Duke of Windsor (as he was about to become) promised to surrender to George VI his life interest in Sandringham and Balmoral, together with their contents, all of which he had inherited from his father a year earlier.

Hasty...

This hasty compact was subsequently altered in two ways: both to the Duke's disadvantage. He was required to bear part of the pensions paid to retainers on the private estates, thus reducing his allowance from £25,000 to £20,000. And the Government, although contributing nothing directly to the Duke's annuity, persuaded the King to attach a

## Battle royal

The saga of Edward VIII's abdication and the bitterness it provoked continue with a new book chronicling the estrangement of the duke and his brother King George VI.



United in happier days: the Duke of Windsor with his brother the Duke of York (left).

condition to it that the Duke must not return to England without permission.

It is beyond dispute that King George VI had unilaterally broken the agreement of December 1936, albeit under pressure from his Government. Yet there were other factors to be weighed in the balance.

During the original negotiations, the Duke had told his brother that he was "very badly off". In fact he had investments worth not less than £800,000 (£20 million in 1988), mostly saved out of his Duchy of Cornwall allowance.

In any case, many of the Duke's former subjects felt that neither Crown nor country owed a penny to the man who had abandoned his hereditary duty and imperilled the monarchy in pursuit of love.

The Duke was on surer ground in resisting the demand that payment of his allowance should depend on his living abroad. And the future Lord of Appeal in Ordinary, Colin

Pearson, wrote an opinion declaring that the imposition of exile was contrary to Magna Carta.

But here again there is another side to the argument. It was the Duke's lawyer and friend Walter Monckton, who recognised his client as "an attractive, vital creature", a potential rallying point for those critical of a new King "less superficially endowed with the arts and graces that please".

### Disengaged

It is true that the Duke disengaged all attempts to form a political party dedicated to the King over the water. But his overt tenderness for the Dictator and his defiance in 1940 were flaws of character and judgment that in retrospect justified his brother's caution.

After an acrimonious exchange of letters, during which the Duke threatened to have the King and his family evicted from Sandringham and Balmoral, he was obliged to submit.

He would have been better employed filling sandbags.

*The Secret File of the Duke of Windsor* by Michael Bloch. Bantam Press, 326 pp, £14.95.

## Blowing the lid off Stalin's excesses

By Brian Brumley

PEREDELKINO, USSR. (AP): Anatoly Naumovich Rybakov, still energetic at 77, jumped up and pulled a bundle of papers from one of the shelves that line the study of his dacha in the forested writers' colony outside Moscow.

Carefully, lovingly, the great novelist laid the bundle on the desk next to the window, untied the string and pulled out two covers of the largest Soviet literary magazine, "Novy Mir," one from 1966 and the other from 1978.

In the soft light, Rybakov held up first one and then the other of the blue sheets of stiff paper, tracing with his gnarled finger the underlined announcements that the journal would soon publish Children of the

Arbat, his novel of the great terror waged by dictator Josef V. Stalin in the 1930s.

But both times, in 1966 and 1978, the publication was ultimately blocked by the men in the Kremlin, men who rose to power under Stalin and feared that exposure of past crimes would shatter the power and privilege they spent their lives building.

Now, Rybakov's patience paid off, for his novel is helping change the way the Soviet people think about their government and their country.

More than 21 years after it was written, Children of the Arbat was published last year in the literary journal "Druzhba Narodov" (Friendship of Peoples), as part of Mikhail S. Gorbachev's campaign to reform the tyrannical system

created by Stalin.

The novel has since appeared in hardback editions, and been published abroad.

The book probes more deeply than any other published in the Soviet Union into Stalin's mind and methods, the pettiness of his victims and the terror he created.

It tells the story of Sasha Panikarov, a young man of 23 who, like Rybakov, was sentenced without trial for a crime he never committed and sent to Siberia for three years of cold and lonely exile.

Rybakov is now at work on the sequel, 1935 and Other Years, which will continue the story, and like Children of the Arbat, will give intimate portraits of Stalin and his lieutenants and describe how the dictator terrorised his deputies

already taken the first steps on a long road toward easing the climate of fear, and Rybakov and others are trying to hurry it along.

During the years Rybakov waited for his novel to appear, he lived and worked at his peaceful dacha at Perekopino.

## CHILDREN DO NOT OUTGROW 'CROSSED EYES'

QUESTION: Will my child outgrow "crossed eyes"?

ANSWER: A loud "no" should be heard by all parents. Waiting for this to happen can mean serious vision loss to the child. I'm not talking about the normal infant eye that frequently may seem to move about and be unco-ordinated. The tracking system sets the eyes straight by 4 to 6 months. But after that time, if the baby's eyes turn in, out, up, down, it is vital to see an eye specialist for diagnosis. If you take a wait-and-see outlook, the baby might miss a crucial part of visual development. Recent findings show that good early vision is essential to normal visual development and once this visual development is missed, it cannot be regained. Strabismus, as the turned eye condition is called, can cause double vision. The child shuts off vision in one eye so that the vision seen with the remaining eye is clear. The unused eye and the brain don't get the proper stimulation and development and after a while that "weaker" eye goes blind or is severely visually impaired.

If you notice a turn in the eye and bring the child to be checked by an eye doctor, the physician will perform certain tests and

explain ways to correct the condition. The goals are to achieve good vision in each eye, enable the eyes to move together and appear straight and to develop binocular vision, where both eyes see one image. The child may be fitted with glasses or contact lenses. The strong eye may be patched so that the other eye will be forced to develop. An orthoptist, a person trained in the use of exercises for this condition, may be called in to work with the child under the doctor's supervision. In some cases, surgery may be necessary to straighten the eye so it can look and see better. Many surgeons feel the best results are achieved when surgery is performed within the first two years of life. It is a relatively simple mechanical operation. The surgeon moves one of the muscles that hold the eye and repositions it so it doesn't pull the eye too strongly or move the eye too weakly.

The reason some people believed that a child may outgrow crossed eyes is because, in some cases, the crossed eyes were not the result of a true strabismus condition. The infant looked like the eyes were crossed because there might have been a temporary

paralysis of the nerve or muscle, caused by almost any of the childhood immunizations, viruses or inflammations. When the temporary paralysis went away, the eye position returned to normal.

QUESTION: Sometimes when I jog or run, I get sudden sharp pain, usually under my ribs. People around beret call it "stitch". What is it and is it dangerous?

ANSWER: People around here call it "a stitch" also. Actually it's a muscle cramp in the large muscle we call the diaphragm. The diaphragm is the muscle that contracts each time we breathe and is located under the ribs, between the chest and the abdomen. When some of the muscle fibres that make up the diaphragm contract too tightly (spasm), it creates the pain. The same thing can happen to the muscles between each rib. The solution to the problem lies in stretching the cramp out, putting the fibres back in order. Usually you can accomplish this by bending over from the waist and touching your toes with your outstretched fingers. Hold the position for a second or two, and "rock" a little and the pain should subside.

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Neither King nor Government ever needed to invoke this financial penalty. From 1939 to 1945 the Duke was serving abroad, first as a liaison officer in France, then as Governor of the Bahamas.

After the war he was deterred from living in England by three other circumstances. The British Government, unlike the French, would have required him to pay the full rate of income tax and surtax.

The King broke an oral promise, said by the Duke to have been made at the time of the Abdication, that he could retain the use of Fort Belvedere. And his wife was denied the style of Royal Highness.

This celebrated snub was inflicted by Letters Patent under the Great Seal, an instrument of government requiring ministerial advice; whatever the King's feelings on the matter, he was thus absolved from responsibility.

The future Lord of Appeal in Ordinary, Lord Devlin, asked by the Duke to give an opinion, declared that it was based on a technical illegality. For the official announcement maintained that King Edward VIII had lost all right to the style of Royal Highness on Abdication; and that this style was now being graciously restored to him—but not to his wife.

Yet the Duke was, and remained, the son of a King; and it was as His Royal Highness that George VI had referred publicly to his brother at the outset of his reign. Devlin's commentary continues:

It was meant in that it was a poor return for Edward VIII's decision not to fight for his crown in 1936. It was absurd in that a government which had advised the King that he could not make a morganatic marriage was now legislating to make the marriage which he did make.

The ruling was intended to wound, and succeeded. "This cold-blooded act", the Duke wrote 30 years later, "in its uprush represented a kind of Berlin wall alienating us from our family."

It also evoked displays of pettiness in high places that seem scarcely credible. Two days after the Fall of France in 1940, with Nazi barbarians at the gate and Britain braced for invasion, the King's private secretary was not too busy to admonish the Foreign Office.

The King, he wrote, bad noted with extreme displeasure that a telegram had referred to the Duke and Duchess as "Their Royal Highnesses".

This appellation, the private secretary continued, was false and utterly impermissible, and such an error must never be made again.

He would have been better employed filling sandbags.

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## Unflattering portrait of Picasso

By Richard Heller

AMERICA is still the place to make several million dollars.

The latest method is to select a great artist who cannot bring a libel action because he is safely dead.

Then use gutter press techniques to assemble every possible unpleasant fact about him.

Put it all into a book heavy on sex and violence and light on art analysis (which would only confuse folk) and you have a best-seller, a newspaper serialisation and a TV mini-series to boot.

Mrs Arianna Stassinopoulos Huffington has applied this treatment to Picasso.

Her book is trash-can journalism dressed up as intellectual history, a grubby mac positing as haute couture.

### Modes

It is called *Picasso: Creator and Destroyer*.

A more accurate title for the work, which Weidenfeld published at £14.95, would be *Amazing facts You Did Not Know About The Bonking Brushman of Sex-en-Provence*.

Arianna is a lady to be much admired. Now 37, she has parlayed a modest talent to please into a multi-million dollar industry.

The daughter of a Greek businessman, she is the Sir Edmund Hillary of Social Climbing on two continents. Base Camp was Cambridge University where she became President of the Union. Stepping Stones were romances with the fringe famous.

*And when she failed to woo British viewers as an incomprehensible TV chat show hostess, she offered to America where, as it was said of someone else, she rose without trace.*

Finally, in 1986 she married Mr. Huffington, a Texas oil multi-millionaire.

To sustain her implausible image as a savante she needs to write books, and they need to be successful because nothing Arianna does can possibly be anything else!

Now, anyone is allowed to write a bad and destructive book. But there are three extra reasons for disliking this one.

Firstly, it is another example of the modern "package" with book, newspaper serialisation and TV rights tied up in advance and so, inevitably, becoming not a book but a "product" subject to the usual type and tripe.

Secondly, it confirms the trend in which anything a



Mrs Arianna Stassinopoulos Huffington and (inset) her subject Pablo Picasso

seedy journalists hiding in the shrubbery to produce "revelations" about showbiz stars.

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leaving the world a little poorer.

There are so many people around, who deserve neither privacy nor mercy. Such men put Arianna's father in a concentration camp for organising anti-Nazi literature.

Despots, criminals, political or financial tyrants ... these are the people who should be turned over or torn apart.

But let us spare the artists. The world has few of them already.

ings, tolerating his endless jealousy of her childhood sweethearts as well as the persecuting fantasies over nonexistent lovers which he tried in vain to persuade her to act out in fact.

She played Desdemona to his combined Iago and Othello with patience and dignity. "He had a need to feel deceived..." writes Mrs. Maddox, "for which literature is the richer." Anyone less robust than his wife might have felt she paid too heavy a price for literature's sake. Refusing to read his books seems, in this context, a measure of elementary self-defence.

Besides, in a sense she wrote them herself. Mrs. Maddox shows in persuasive detail that Joyce meant it literally when he said that anything he might achieve could only be written at the doors of her heart. "Guide me, my saint, my angel. Lead me forward ..." he wrote in 1909. "Take me into your soul of souls and I will become indeed the poet of my race."

So he did. But at a cost totted up for the first time in this remarkable portrait of what must be one of the strangest, most fruitful, evenly matched, and in the end for both parties most thoroughly satisfactory of literary marriages. Mrs. Maddox's Nora augurs well for the prospects of all the neglected, despised and down trodden Mrs. Writters of history about whom

# BUSINESS & FINANCE

## Pressure eases for further rise in UK rates

LONDON, July 29. Pressure for higher base interest rates in the UK has eased significantly, and most analysts now expect them to hold at 10 1/2 per cent for several weeks, according to the Wall Street Journal.

A strong performance by the pound and indications that the government is fairly relaxed about the currency's strength are the main factors that have shifted sentiment from early last week, when forecasts of rates reaching 11 per cent were widespread.

"While the pound is rising, there isn't going to be too much pressure for the government to raise base rates," says David Walton, an economist at Goldman Sachs International.

At the same time, though, some upward pressure on rates is likely to remain as most indicators still show strong underlying inflation.

The authorities will, therefore, not know whether the existing stance of policy is sufficiently tight to combat inflationary pressures," indicate economists at Greenwell Montagu & Co. in their latest economic summary.

### Analysts

Thus, analysts suggest, a lot will depend on how the pound fares. If it stays strong, rates are more likely to stay steady. But if the pound falls, then the government will have scope to tighten policy further if it thinks that is needed.

"The government would like things to calm down for a while. But, the question is whether the markets will let them do that," says Glenn Davies, senior economist at CL-Alexander Laing & Crucksbank.

On Thursday, Chancellor of the Exchequer Nigel Lawson made it clear that rates remain the only weapon the government will use to combat inflation, and that he is prepared to continue raising them if necessary.

### Faster

His comments were seen as particularly significant as they came soon after an explicit backing of his policies by Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher. So, while Lawson's authority may have been reassured, it isn't clear if he is ready to start using it to raise rates again soon.

During last week, new money-supply data for May showed that private-sector lending is growing even faster than expected. But analysts expect this to slow in coming months now that major building societies have raised their mortgage rates to 11.5 per cent.

## Mexico to cut its oil exports

MEXICO CITY, July 29. (OPECNA). Mexico will cut its crude exports by 25,000 BPD in an effort to curb the decline in oil prices, according to a senior official of Pemex, the state oil company.

Pemex sales director Raul Segura said his company planned to increase sales of high-quality petroleum products to set off the decrease in oil revenues resulting from the cut.

He added that the petroleum products would include high-octane unleaded gasoline and low-sulphur diesel fuel.

Mexico, a non-OPEC oil producing country, has been a staunch supporter of the OPEC's continuing efforts to curb production and strengthen prices.

Although it is defiantly proud of its rapid rise into the world's 12th largest trading nation, South Korea still lacks confidence in its ability to take on the added responsibility.

"There's a bantam cock approach," said John Duthie, manager in Korea for Deutsche Bank. But they still "have a territorial inferiority complex."

### Control

Government technocrats, after years of running the economy as virtually their own fiefdom, are gradually, and at times reluctantly, loosening their control as Seoul develops an economic democracy to go along with its new political climate.

The rapid growth of recent years has meant that some sec-

## Subroto expects oil prices rise over coming weeks

## UAE committed to OPEC accords

ABU DHABI, July 29. (AP): OPEC secretary-general Subroto was quoted today as saying he expected an oil price increase over the coming weeks because of the possibility of an end to the Iraq-Iran war.

The statements by Subroto, who heads the 13-nation Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries, were published in the UAE newspaper Al Ittihad.

Subroto was in the UAE on a two-day visit for discussions on the oil market situation with its leaders ahead of the OPEC five-point pricing committee meeting in Lausanne, Switzerland on Aug. 3.

The state-run Al Ittihad quoted Subroto as saying that the world market "looks forward to positive results" from the pricing committee. It said he expressed his expectation of an increase in oil prices over the coming weeks.

Subroto was in Saudi Arabia before coming to the UAE as part of a tour of OPEC member states aimed at acquiring

assurances about adherence to the organization's production quotas so as to help stabilise world oil prices around the \$18-a-barrel benchmark.

Because of the Iraq-Iran war, Iraq has refused to accept its OPEC-decreed quota and produces almost double what it is assigned, while Iran is widely accused of discounting prices to market its crude oil under the war-time conditions.

That could change if the war came to an end, hence the hopes by Subroto and others who say that the prices could rise.

Other OPEC member states are also accused of violating production and pricing rules of the organization.

**Responsible**

The UAE was held responsible for a price decrease in June after it served notice that it will ignore its OPEC oil production quota of 948,000 barrels and produce

about 50 per cent more as it considered its "fair" quota should be 1.5 million barrels per day.

Oil sources here said that Subroto was seeking a compromise regarding the UAE claim.

Subroto has conferred with UAE Oil Minister Mana Saeed Otaiba and with UAE President Sheikh Zayed Bin Sultan Al Nahyan to whom he delivered a message from the OPEC president and Nigerian Oil Minister, Ritwan Lukman.

The official Emirates news agency WAM reported after the meetings on Thursday that Sheikh Zayed affirmed his nation's support for "unity and cohesion" within the organization and noted that his country "has always been at the forefront for boosting OPEC decisions and supporting the stability of the oil market."

The WAM report did not

specifically address the controversial issue of UAE oil production, but indicated that the UAE will not undermine the organization by adopting unilateral decisions within the 13-nation organization before the fullness bi-annual ministerial meeting in November.

Subroto also told Al Ittihad that Sheikh Zayed affirmed to him the UAE's "support and consolidation" of OPEC. He said he was submitting a report to the pricing committee on his talks in the UAE as well as Saudi Arabia and that the Lausanne meeting would also discuss the UAE quota request.

The pricing committee, whose members are oil ministers of Saudi Arabia, Nigeria, Indonesia, Algeria and Venezuela, was meeting in wake of the Iranian decision to accept a UN Security Council cease-fire resolution to its war with Iraq.

## World Business Summary

### EEC ministers hold talks on unified market

ATHENS, Greece, July 29. (AP): The European Economic Community opened talks here today on streamlining company law in preparation for 1992, when the 12-nation trade bloc becomes a unified market.

Commerce ministers from the EEC states, holding a one-day meeting in Athens, also were expected to discuss legislation for mergers in the Community, food standards and setting up a Community-wide trademark. It was the first meeting on 1992 issues to be held in Greece, which took over the rotating Community presidency for six months from July 1. The EEC-member states must approve around 350 special directives setting the legal framework for the single market, when business and trade barriers between Community countries will be removed. So far, more than 90 directives have been finalised and Greece says it will push through another 30 during its presidency. The company law directive will smooth out differences between existing national legislation in EEC countries so that firms can be more easily incorporated across the Community. Several EEC countries—Britain, Spain and the Netherlands—have been shortlisted for a European trademark centre to regulate standards for Community products. Diplomats said no decisions would be taken at today's meeting but that the commerce ministers would prepare guidelines for approval later.

### Import prices surge 2.7pc

WASHINGTON, July 29. (AP): The price of imported goods, one of the main inflationary yardsticks in the US economy, rose 2.7 percent in the April-June quarter, the largest increase in more than a year, the government reported. The Labour Department said the second quarter rise followed a 1.2 per cent increase in the January-March period and was the steepest since the 4.1 per cent jump in the first three months of 1987, which was attributed almost entirely to rising crude oil prices. Higher oil prices were also a significant contributor to the second quarter gain this year. Imported fuel and related products jumped 6.7 per cent from the first quarter. However, after the past year, they were down 12.7 per cent. Excluding the effects of the jump in imported oil, second quarter prices rose 2.3 per cent, in line with the average quarterly increase over the last three years. Sharp rises in metals and natural rubber led the climb. Iron and steel prices soared 35 per cent in the second quarter, while other metals rose 16.5 per cent. The price of imported nickel, a key ingredient in steel manufacturing, shot up 55.8 per cent for the quarter and more than doubled in price during the past year.

The price of natural rubber climbed 32.8 per cent for the quarter and was up 60 per cent from a year ago. Bill Alterman, a Labour Department analyst, said the worldwide acquired immune deficiency syndrome epidemic is driving up natural rubber prices by increasing the demand for condoms and rubber gloves. For the past year, import prices were up 6.3 per cent. That compares with a 4.4 per cent annual rate of inflation in overall consumer prices since the beginning of 1987. The fall of the dollar from highs in early 1985, while improving the price competitiveness of US goods overseas and helping to lower the US trade deficit, also has the effect of boosting the price of foreign goods in American markets. However, according to the report, the dollar played a substantially smaller role in driving up import prices than in previous quarters.

## Turkey raises some consumer import prices

ISTANBUL, July 29. (Reuter): Turkey is raising the price of imported tobacco, alcohol and coffee by at least 18.75 per cent from tomorrow, Anatolian news agency reported.

The latest increase in state monopoly import prices was due to the weak Turkish lira and rising transportation costs.

Meanwhile, Prime Minister Noboru Takeshita told Japan's legislators today that tax reform is the most important domestic issue facing the nation, and urged them to approve the first major overhaul of a system set up by US occupation forces in 1950.

In a policy speech before the diet or parliament, Takeshita delivered a strong appeal for passage of a tax reform package he has pinpointed as a top item on his political agenda.

"There is an urgent need to rectify (distortions), to institute a new tax system that is fair, simple and acceptable to the people," he said.

## CENTRAL BANK OF KUWAIT

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## S. Korean exports on the rise

## Economy struggles to cope with success

SEOUL, July 29. (Reuters): Economists like South Korea's top economic planner say the Korean economy has grown up to a teenager who has grown up too fast and is being forced to take on unwanted responsibility.

It is being told to do many of the things the US has already forced on Japan — open up its markets, liberalise trade — but at a much earlier stage in its development.

Although it is defiantly proud of its rapid rise into the world's 12th largest trading nation, South Korea still lacks confidence in its ability to take on the added responsibility.

"There's a bantam cock approach," said John Duthie, manager in Korea for Deutsche Bank. But they still "have a territorial inferiority complex."

### Control

Government technocrats, after years of running the economy as virtually their own fiefdom, are gradually, and at times reluctantly, loosening their control as Seoul develops an economic democracy to go along with its new political climate.

The rapid growth of recent years has meant that some sec-

tors of the economy, such as exports, have fully matured, while others remain undeveloped.

Many of big companies are still basically family-run firms. Almost all are deep in debt to the banks as would be expected in a country still developing.

Duthie told Reuters earlier this month.

"Exports

Seoul's booming exports led to a huge \$9.6 billion trade surplus with the United States last year, causing friction between the two military partners. The US has around 40,000 troops stationed in South Korea.

The US response, according to Duthie, has been to occasionally "rap the knuckles" of the Koreans to remind them of the need for fair trade.

US Secretary of State George Shultz lectured Seoul earlier this month about the need for open markets and reminded it of the big part Washington has played in establishing the free trade system South Korea and the world enjoys.

"We have played a big part in



# WORLD STOCK MARKETS

## International Bond Highlights

Zurich — Mitsubishi Bank Ltd is raising 800 mln Swiss francs via three 200 mln franc convertible issues, lead indicated 1/2 pct coupons and the other notes a zero-coupon issue. All are priced at par and will mature on Sept 30, 1992. (RTT1091)

London — Finland's Skopbank is issuing a 10 billion Eurobond due Sept 7, 1993, paying 5.7 pct bid price will be a minimum of par. (RTV109)

Madrid — Banco Santander de Negocios said it has received clearance from the Bank of Spain to launch a 10 billion peseta, 10 year bond issue for European company for the financing of railway stock Eurofima. (RTW1134, RTT1012)

London — Cle Bancaria is issuing a 10 billion yen Eurobond due Aug 22, 1992 linked to Tokyo's Nikkei-Dow stock index, paying 6-1/2 pct and priced at 101-3/8 pct, co-lead manager Bankers Trust International said. (RTX1520)

Lugano — Japan's Yuasa Funashoku Co Ltd is issuing 70 mln Swiss francs in five-year notes with equity warrants, lead manager Banca Della Svizzera Italiana said. (RTTH 0907)

## Interbank Rates

	CALL	ONE MONTH	THREE MONTHS
LDN	9-7/8 5/8	10-7/16 5/16	10-13/16 11/16
FFT	4-50/60	4-90/50	5-15/25
PAR	7-1/4 3/8	7-3/16 5/16	7-7/16 9/16
ZUR	3-95	3-3/8 3-5/8	3-3/4 4
BXR	1-5/8 1-7/8	6-13/16 7/8	7-1/8 3/16
ROM	10 10-1/2	10-3/4 11-1/4	11 11-1/2
AHS	4-5/8 4-7/8	4-15/16 5-1/16	5-1/8 5-1/4
TOK	3.7500 8125	4.0000 0625	4-0625 1250
ECU	6.62 6.87	6.81 6.93	7.18 7.31

## Interest Rates

	Period	Offered	Bid
	1 month	4-15/16	5-3/8
	3 months	5-5/8	6-1/16
	6 months	5-15/16	6-5/16
	1 year	6-1/16	6-1/2

## BOMBAY

PR-CLOSE	OPEN	CLOSE	GLINDIA	61	61.50	61	NICO	605	600	600
ACC	240.50	248	251.50	GNFC	47.50	47	48 NUCARD	84.50	84	85.50
ASIA PAINT	150	155	157.50	GRASIN	108.25	108	108 NOCIL	470	467.50	477.50
TAJAH AUTO	242.50	246.25	250	HIND LEVER	68.50	68.50	69.50 PEICO	30	29	30
HAR. RAYON	250	252.50	245	HINDMOTOR	91	92	PFIZER	63	62	63
BOM. OYING	111	112	115	HINDCOOPA	81	81.25	82.50 PRE-AUTO	31.50	31.50	33.25
BR. BOND	87	96	87	HINDRAYON	26.50	27	27.75 RAYMOND	49	48	49
BSE INDEX	604.02	596.97	597.50	HINDRAYON	25.50	25.50	25.50 RELIANCE	205	206.50	207
CENTURYSPL	885.892.50	892.50	897.50	HINDRAYON	66.50	66.50	67 STEPHENS	205	206.50	207
COLGATE	220	218.75	223.75	INDROL	166.25	167.50	170 SPIC	51	50.50	51.50
OEEPKERT	57	57	57	ITC	44	43.50	44.50 STOMILLS	255	250	255
EI. HOTEL	49	48	50	JCSYNTH.	63	62.50	63.50 TATA PUR	262.50	250	242.50
ESKAYEF	120	121.25	122.50	L AND T	102.50	103	104 TATECHEN	73	72.50	74
ESSAR	19	19	19.50	MAHTIDRA	59	59.50	58.50 TELE	657.50	657.50	665
GAR. POLY	79	79.50	80	MASTERSH	10.50	10.25	10.37 TISCO	810	820	826.25
GE.SHIP	--	29.75	30	MATHER PL	49	50	51 VOLTAS	297.50	295	300

## FRANKFURT

STOCK	LAST	PR-CLSE
AEG	202.3	202.2
ALLIANZ VR	1539.0	1507.0
BADENWERK	181.2	182.3
BASF	259.0	256.6
BAYER	292.0	288.0
BAYER NY	345.0	342.0
BAYER VER	339.5	339.5
BBC	305.1	305.5
BHF	416.0	412.0
BWM	509.0	501.0
COMMERZBK	231.5	231.5
CONTI GUMM	256.4	255.0
DAIMER BEN	688.0	680.5
DEUTSC BNK	476.5	469.0
DLW	363.0	364.0
DRESNER 8	256.5	252.0
DT BÄRBOCK	176.5	176.5
FAZ. INDEX	485.98	480.53
FELDMUEHLE	266.0	268.0
GOLDSCHMID	283.0	280.0
HARPENER	422.0	422.0
HOECHST AG	271.5	266.7
HOESCH	143.0	141.5
HORTEN	200.0	200.0
RUSSEL HLO	424.0	417.0
KALI SAL2	161.0	162.0
KARSTADT	428.0	426.8
KAUFHOF	367.8	358.0
KLOECK H	127.8	126.5
KLOECK W	0	101.00
LINDE	675.0	661.0
LUFTRANSA	146.8	140.0
HAN	195.5	193.5
MAMMESHAN	167.5	162.5
MERCEDES	557.0	550.0
METALLGES	306.8	302.0
HINDOOR PF	427.0	420.5
NORK NYD	60.50	60.00
PHILIP KOM	589.0	590.0
PORSCHE	544.5	526.0
PREUSSAG	178.8	176.0
PWA	213.0	213.0
RHEINMETAL	294.0	290.0
RWE	231.5	230.8
RWE P	216.5	215.8
SALAMANDER	262.0	264.0
SCHERING	515.1	510.0
SEL	295.2	295.5
SIEMENS	422.7	417.5
THYSSEN	147.8	145.5
VARTA	281.8	281.5
VEBA	256.0	252.3
VEW	159.4	159.4
VOLKSWAGEN	249.7	248.5

## TOKYO

STOCK	LAST	PR-CLSE	NITSUB CP	1130	1150
AIJINOMOTO	2940	2980	NITSUB EL	967	975
AKAI ELEC	620	640	NITSUB HVY	975	934
AKOI	975	981	NITSU CO	871	880
ASAHII GLS	1970	1940	NITSUKOSHI	1780	1770
ASAHII OPT	689	685	NITSUNI EL	1170	1160
BANK TOKYO	1610	1570	HICKICON	1370	1400
BRIDGESTON	1320	1320	NIHON CHNT	818	825
CANON	1460	1520	HIKKO SEC	1980	1900
CASIO COMP	1290	1290	HIP ELEC	2270	2290
CHUGAI PHM	1620	1640	HIP KOKKAN	700	648
CITIZEN W	850	821	HIP OIL	1060	1050
D-ICHI KAN	3100	2990	HIP STEEL	780	744
DAI HIP IK	807	785	HIP YUSEN	745	735
DAI HIP PT	2530	2500	HIS MOTOC	1240	1260
DAI HIP SC	1150	1170	HONURA SEC	3880	3740
DAI HIP TO	605	596	ONBA CO	930	940
DAICEL	870	875	OLYMPUS	1120	1150
DAIMA H.	4890	4820	PENTA OCN	848	850
DAIMA SEC	2550	2420	PIONEER	3790	3900
EBRA WFG	910	900	RENOUM	925	940
EISAI	2050	2090	RICOM	1360	1380
FUJITSU	1780	1800	SANTOKU	2080	2060
FUJI BANK	3220	3100	SANYO ELEC	789	772
FUJI PHOT	4000	4090	SEIYU ST	2240	2150
FUJISAMA	1840	1830	SEKISUI PB	1720	1690
FUJITA CP	730	732	SHARP	1200	1270
HITACHI	1950	1960	SHISEIDO	1750	1680
HONDA MOT	2350	2440	SONY	6950	7090
ISETAN	2100	2040	SUNTOMO	1070	1090
ITO YOKADO	4350	4350	TAISEI		

Taiwan's share prices rise to record high

## Central banks step in to stop surging dollar

LONDON, July 29. (Reuters): Central bankers in the United States and Europe intervened aggressively in the currency markets today to cool short a surging dollar rally.

The intervention by the US Federal Reserve and the central banks of West Germany, Switzerland and the Netherlands sent the US currency tumbling, reverting a flood of investment and speculative money into dollar bank accounts and bonds.

That flood had worried governments. Some officials think it is out of control.

The chief victim was the Deutschemark. West Germany's currency lost against the dollar and also hit a record low of 1.4120 marks per 100 Japanese yen.

### Weak

"The mark is basically weak against every other currency ... there is nothing the Bundesbank can do to support it at the moment," said Reinhard Pfeiffer, chief dealer at DG Bank.

European governments are worried that a strong dollar will boost import prices and so stoke up inflation. Americans, meanwhile, worry that it will price US exports too high and threaten

efforts to correct a huge trade deficit.

These concerns were behind today's central bank selling.

Dealers said the intervention was timed for maximum impact.

The dollar had climbed above 1.88 West German marks by midday but shed two pennings when the central banks acted.

The US Federal Reserve, in fact, intervened twice.

The dollar later steadied above 1.87 marks and 132.75 yen, and traded at \$1.71 to the British pound sterling.

The dollar and pound had soared this week as investors moved to take advantage of relatively high US and British interest rates. The cost of borrowing has been boosted in both countries to slow consumer spending and cool inflation.

### Flow

West Germany tried to slow the flow of money into the dollar and pound — and away from the mark — by raising a key interest rate on Thursday but had little effect in currency markets. It is especially concerned that a weak mark will boost inflation by raising the price of imports.

Gold, a favoured hedge against inflation, slipped and

then bounced higher as bullion was fixed in London at \$436.80 an ounce, up \$4.05 from Thursday afternoon.

Investors in the United States seemed to shrug off the dollar's gyrations. Steady oil and commodity prices have eased inflation fears in the United States and helped boost Wall Street stocks again today.

The Dow Jones industrial average rose as much as 12.8 points to a morning high of 2,095.13 after a 29-point gain on Thursday.

London shares were firm while the Tokyo and Frankfurt markets closed higher.

### Surge

Stockbrokers set off firecrackers today outside Taiwan's Stock Exchange after the share price index rose above the 6,000-point barrier for the first time in its 26-year history.

The index shot up 141.35 points to close at 6,106.15. Turnover amounted to 24.1 billion Taiwan dollars (\$843 million), up from 22.7 billion Taiwan dollars (\$794 million) on Thursday.

The index rose 110.50 points on Thursday. Of the 143 issues listed on the

stock exchange, 64 posted the maximum gain of 3 per cent allowed by the government.

Traders attributed the surge to investor's confidence in the plastics and banking sectors, which continued to lead the market.

They said the market has soared on bullish sentiment in recent weeks and immediate pull-back seemed unlikely.

In London, equity prices were at the day's high in late trading, assisted by gains on Wall Street and buying for the new account, which begins on Monday, dealers said.

At 1513 GMT the FTSE 100 share index was 9.9 up at 1,851.2 on a turnover of 428.5 mln shares.

### Firmer

Interest in speculative stocks continued and dealers said recent investment buying interest from institutions also appeared to have picked up.

But one dealer said, "it's the last day of an account — I wouldn't read too much into today's broader demand for stock."

Share prices showed an early firmer trend on the back of strong gains on Wall Street and remarks by UK Chancellor of the Exchequer Nigel Lawson on

Britain's increasing balance of payments deficit.

Sentiment was later boosted when a rumoured rights issue from Lloyds Banks failed to materialise, dealers said.

Lloyds' shares were 6p higher at 304 after the bank reported pre-tax profits of \$452 mln around the mid-point of banking analysts' forecasts. This compared with a loss of 697 mln in 1987 which reflected a write-off of Third World debt in common with the other major British banks.

Market talk yesterday had Lloyds using the proceeds from the rumoured rights issue to fund a bid. Standard Chartered, for which Lloyds made an unsuccessful bid in mid-1986, was rumoured to be the most likely target. Standard posted a 1p gain to 500 after rising 25p yesterday.

Stores Company Sears topped the active list with a turnover of 24.7 mln shares and showed a rise of 9p to 138 on bid speculation.

Dealers said rumours centred on the possibility that a 10.03 pct stake in the company, held by Egypt's Al Fayed Brothers, had changed hands and that Chiles Myer of Australia had been building a stake in the company.

DEUTSCHE MARK 28 JULY 28	
	DEUTSCHE MARKS PER DOLLAR
USA	1.858
ENGLAND	2.353 3.203 222
IRLAND	1.691 1.812 695
KANADA	1.53 1.335 1.345
NIEDERLANDE	1.61 1.645 8975
SCHWEIZ	1.015 1.200 1207
BELGIEN	
FRAN	
DÄNEN	
NORWEGEN	
SCHW	
ITAL	
CS	

A clerk at the Frankfurt bourse notes the latest rates of currencies on Thursday. Britain's pound sterling rose more than three pennings above 3.22 West German marks despite the Bank of England intervention to slow the rise. The pound has not been that high in two years. (Reuter wirephoto)

## Drought shouldn't hurt US role as food exporter, says Lyng

CHICAGO, July 29, (IAP): The current drought, one of the biggest disasters ever to strike US farmers, shouldn't threaten the nation's role as an exporter of food, Agriculture Secretary Richard Lyng said yesterday.

"This year, even though our crops are way down, combining our crops with our carryover, we'll have an ample supply for both our domestic and our export needs," Lyng said at an Illinois-Japan agricultural trade conference.

He said US suppliers should make reliability their top priority in selling products to countries such as Japan, which he praised as "our best customer."

### Talks

Subroto was speaking to reporters, after returning from talks in the UAE about that country's decision to raise production to around 1.5 million barrels per day (BPD) in July. This compares with its OPEC-set quota of 948,000 BPD.

Towards the close of European trade, Brent blend, the most widely traded international crude, was off just five cents per barrel from the same time on Thursday at \$15.75.

The benchmark US grade, West Texas Intermediate, was off five cents at \$16.35 a barrel while the key Middle East grade, Dubai, was also down five cents at \$13.85.

Latest spot oil prices — FOB, dollars per barrel:

	July 28	July 28
Brent (prompt)	15.75	15.80
WTI (Cushing, September)	16.35	16.40
Dubai (September)	13.85	13.90

Lyng said his top priority is to keep US purchases from the United States and their dependence upon us, we must make it clear that ... even in a year when we have a drought, that we will not restrict exports to protect purchases within our own country."

He reiterated Lyng's call for reliability, noting that US export restrictions in the past are still recalled as a "bitter experience."

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"It's not easy for them to do that ... and I think we owe them a word of thanks."

Nobuo Matsunaga, Japanese ambassador to the United States, said Americans need to be aggressive in their marketing efforts to his country, because there are many foreign competitors.

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## Brady likely choice to replace Baker

WASHINGTON, July 29, (Reuter): Nicholas Brady, a Wall Street executive who chaired a presidential panel on last October's stock crash, is the likely choice to replace James Baker as Treasury Secretary after his expected resignation, US officials said today.

Baker's resignation to head Vice-President George Bush's presidential campaign has been expected for weeks. It was not known exactly when Baker planned to quit but published reports have said it will come before the August 15-18 Republican national convention in New Orleans.

An administration official, who asked not to be identified, confirmed the basic elements of a New York Times story that Brady was the likely choice.

"If you think about Japan's

man Marlin Fitzwater refused to comment on either Baker's expected resignation or Brady's appointment.

"I really don't have anything to say about that one," Bush told reporters after posing outside the White House for photographs with visiting West German politician Franz Josef Strauss.

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**STRIKING** policemen in Gujarat set ablaze a police van to protest against the arrest of their leader Ashok Bhatt, an inspector. The strike was prompted by a military takeover of security. (Reuter wirephoto)



**A MOTHER** comforts her child suffering from cholera during a demonstration outside Parliament calling on the Indian government to act more decisively in dealing with the recent cholera epidemic which has already claimed 157 lives in New Delhi. (Reuter wirephoto)



**PRINCE** Norodom Sihanouk responds to questions from reporters after Kampuchean faction leaders visited him at the State Guest House in Jakarta. (Reuter wirephoto)



**STUART LACK** (left) and his father Alan (right) have swapped bone marrow to save each other from leukaemia. Although the first part of the transplant took place in 1980, it was only announced yesterday. (Reuter wirephoto)



**A CROW** is about to attack a kite in Khor Fakkan in the Gulf of Oman. The young Arab who was flying the kite managed to save it. (Reuter wirephoto)



**PLAINCLOTHES** police officer instructs members of a four-man delegation of French, West German and Portuguese communists to end their sit-in after they tried unsuccessfully to see Prime Minister Turgut Ozal to demand the release of Turkish communist leaders Haydar Kutlu and Nihat Sargin. (Reuter wirephoto)

**BRITAIN'S** Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher greets Pir Ahmed Gailani, the Chairman of the seven party Afghan Resistance Alliance, at No. 10 Downing Street. (Reuter wirephoto)



**A LEBANESE** man adds his signature to a 100-metre banner bearing the signatures of 70,000 others calling for an end to the civil war. The banner was stretched along the Museum crossing al Beirut's Green Line battlefront where some 120 Lebanese organised an overnight sit-in calling for a new president to end 13 years of civil strife. (Reuter wirephoto)



**JEFF ZIMMERMAN**, a technician at Motorola Inc., inspects resonator covers (towers) used on Motorola's MDF 500 two-way radio base stations. The precision-cast zinc alloy towers, plated with copper and tin, can vary by 0.05 inches from centre to peak performance over the narrow UHF band. (Reuter wirephoto)

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## SPORTS

## BASEBALL ROUNDUP

## Montreal overcome St Louis

NEW YORK, July 29. (AP): When the Montreal Expos get into extra innings, no one can be trusted. Not even a 148 hitter.

Graig Nettles, who entered last night's game against the St Louis Cardinals with just eight hits in 54 at-bats, singled home the winning run in the 10th inning as the Expos won 4-3 and improved their record to 15-4 this season in extra-inning games.

"Even when I was an everyday player, I didn't care about my average. I only cared about what I produced," the 43-year-old Nettles said. "It's more important to me to have eight RBIs as a pinch-hitter than to worry about my average."

Nettles' hit capped a night when the Expos played St Louis-style baseball, stealing a season-high six bases and using speed to set up the tying and winning runs.

The loss was the Cardinals' third in a row and fifth in six games.

## Astros 3, Padres 2

Bill Doran's two-run homer sparked a three-run first inning and Bob Knepper and Larry Andersen combined on a nine-hitter to lead Houston. Knepper, 11-3, pitched six innings, allowing seven hits, walking two and striking out three.

## Reds 5, Braves 2

Nick Esassy hit his second game-winning homer in the ninth inning in two days as Cincinnati defeated Atlanta. Frank Williams, 1-1, pitched one inning. John Franco worked the ninth to earn his National League-leading 21st save and 11th in his last 11 appearances.

## Cubs 7, Phillies 0

Calvin Schiraldi pitched a three-hitter for his first Major-League complete game and Manny Trillo drove in two runs with a homer and single as Chicago snapped a three-game losing streak. Andre Dawson went 4-for-4 to lead a 16-hit attack and has 15 hits in his last 25 at-bats. Mitch Webster and Darren Jackson had three hits each.

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Los Angeles	59 41 .590	—	1
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## AGASSI STRUGGLES PAST PUGH

## Smith surprises Lendl

STRATTON, Vermont, July 29. (UPI): Unknown Roger Smith of the Bahamas scored an upset 6-2, 6-3 victory over Ivan Lendl, the world No. 1, in the second round of the Volvo International tennis tournament.

Lendl could not handle Smith's booming serve and had his own serve broken five times. He fell behind 5-0 in the second set, saved five match points, then netted a service return on the sixth match point.

Smith, 24, struggled with his shots and his emotions when he had the chance to put away the US Open champion.

"I was very, very nervous," admitted Smith, whose match-point mistakes, included netting an easy overhead. "Use any word but 'choke.'

Lendl, 28, was playing in his first tournament since Wimbledon, where he reached the semifinals. In the past year he has had knee surgery and a pulled shoulder muscle which affected his play earlier this summer.

"You just can't play well all the time anymore," he said. "You just have to try to time your form, and peak at the right time."

Following Lendl's loss to Smith, the ATP calculated that he would lose his top ranking to Wimbledon champion Stefan Edberg when the new rankings are released next Monday. The information was then released by the Men's Tennis Council.

But after rechecking the figures, the ATP said Lendl would retain his No. 1 ranking for the 151st straight week. ATP spokesman Greg Shatto said Lendl will lead Edberg in the ninth to earn his National League-leading 21st save and 11th in his last 11 appearances.

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computer rankings, 149.71 to 140.93.

If Lendl can retain his No. 1 spot until Oct. 3, he will break Jimmy Connors' record of 159 straight weeks at the top of the rankings.

Lendl's streak began Sept. 9, 1985, after he beat John McEnroe in the US Open final.

Since the rankings started in 1973, only six players have been ranked No. 1 — Jim Nabors, John Newcombe, Connors and Bjorn Borg, McEnroe and Lendl.

Meanwhile, second-seeded Andre Agassi used a change in tactics to salvage a 3-6, 6-3, 6-4 victory yesterday over No. 16 Jim Pugh and advance to the quarterfinals.

In other third-round action,

strokes), and he couldn't do that on the high ones," said Agassi.

"If I'm not winning one way, I'm able to change it up," he said. "Two years ago I would have just kept hitting it hard."

Agassi played on the US Davis Cup team which won in Argentina during the weekend.

"It meant so much to play there and win," he said, but the resulting 18 hours of travel and the switch from clay to hardcourt makes this "a tough week to play."

Smith, ranked No. 150, was wary of being caught in a post-victory letdown after the biggest triumph of his life.

## Difficult

"It was very tough. I just tried to play solid. I didn't want to make stupid mistakes," said Smith. "It was very difficult not to think about the match with Lendl."

"I proved something to myself," the native of Freeport, Bahamas said. "I've seen so many guys win a big match then lost the next on."

In other third-round matches, fifth-seeded Aaron Krickstein, plagued by knee injury, was eliminated by Marty Davis 6-3, 6-4, and seventh-seeded Peter Lundgren was ousted by No. 10 Jim Berger 6-2, 6-3.

No. 9 Darren Cahill defeated Michael Robertson 6-2, 6-7 (5-3); No.

## SPORTS

**Graf routs Reggi for semifinals**

HAMBURG, West Germany, July 29, (Reuters): Steffi Graf bounded back from an uncharacteristically moderate performance in the previous round to trounce Italian Raffaella Reggi 6-0 6-0 in the Hamburg women's tennis tournament today.

Graf's quarterfinal victory over the world number 20 took just 45 minutes as she produced the precise forehand and powerful serve that was missing when she beat Yugoslav Sabrina Goles yesterday.

## Refund

The champion of Australia, France and Wimbledon made so many unforced errors during that match that some of the spectators started taunting her by shouting at the moment.

Graf faces Argentine number eight seed Bettina Fulco in the semifinals tomorrow.

The other semifinal match will be between second-seed Bulgarian Katerina Maleeva and Czechoslovak 14th seed Radka Zrubakova, who eliminated West Germans.

Maleeva defeated Isabel Cuetos of West Germany 6-2, 7-6, 8-6; Zrubakova advanced with a 6-2, 6-1 victory over West German Silke Meissner, as did Fulco 7-5, 6-1 over Sandra Cecchini of Italy.

**Evert and Mill to wed**

BOCA RATON, Florida, July 29, (AP): Andy Mill said he used to enjoy watching Chris Evert's tennis matches on television.

When he first saw her in person on a cold New Year's Eve in Colorado nearly 19 months ago, he said he fell in love.

Tomorrow, he and Evert will exchange wedding vows at the polo club in Boca Raton.

"I was really curious about who this person was because, well, celebrities and athletes are a dime a dozen," said Mill, a 35-year-old former US Olympic skier. "I was real concerned with getting to know this little person here. I didn't want to talk about Martina (Navratilova) or the Grand Slam... I wanted to talk about Chrissie."

## Attend

About 100 family members and friends, including tennis stars Navratilova and Pam Shriver and actress Lynda Carter, are expected to attend the ceremony.

Both Evert and Mill were ending eight-year marriages when they first met.

Evert, 33, was in Aspen, Colorado, shortly after breaking up with British tennis star John Lloyd. Mill's divorce proceedings became complicated after he began dating Evert when his wife, Robin, began appearing in US and British tabloids claiming Mill was an extravagant playboy.

**Nabisco GP**

HILVERSUM, Netherlands, July 29, (AP): Top seeds Guillermo Perez-Roldan of Argentina and Emilio Sanchez of Spain today advanced to the semifinals of the \$150,000 Nabisco Grand Prix tennis tournament.

**PALARONG PILIPINO MINI-OLYMPICS COME TO AN END****Pinoy outlast Mabuhay for basketball title**

By Jadranka Porter

A ROUSING basketball match, which fired thousands of fans with excitement, provided a fitting finale for the 7th Palarong Pilipino mini-Olympics yesterday at Kuwait's Keifan Gym.

Pinoy Restaurant triumphed over Mabuhay Restaurant by a narrow margin of 98 to 90 to snatch first place in the basketball competition which drew large crowds throughout the games.

Close to 500 Filipino athletes competed in nine sports disciplines as part of the games which began in late May and ended yesterday with a prize-giving ceremony which the fun-loving Filipinos turned into a carnival-like event.

## Deservedly

The Pinoy victory was that sweeter as the team's members also won the leading titles for the Most Valuable Player, Best Team Coach and Best Team Manager.

The champions deservedly won the match. They dominated the game with an impressive display of skill, speed and precise shooting. The Mabuhay team was a challenger not to be dismissed but failed to take the advantage of the numerous opportunities it had to improve the score in its favour. Mabuhay also had the leading scorer in Reyes who chalked up 31 points. The second best was Barcelona of Pinoy who scored 29.

Pinoy precluded their opponents from equalising in the first half although Mabuhay were only a few points behind. In a



The new basketball champions with their trophies.

crucial moment, when Mabuhay was only two points short of equalising, Barcelona hit an impressive lay-up shot bringing his team's score to 37.

This was followed by another effective manoeuvre by Garcia and Ragasa of the Pinoy to further consolidate their lead. One minute before the end of the first half Pinoy led by 43 to 34. It took Mabuhay only a minute to score 6 points bringing the half time score to 43-40.

Some credit for narrowing the differences goes to Reyes and Corpuz of the Mabuhay who scored easily due to some precise passing and shooting.

The game gained momentum in the second half when the Mabuhay team put extra pressure on their opponents. Only five minutes into the second half, Mabuhay first equalised, then took a lead by 3 points. Pinoy responded with some excellent dribbling and shooting which put them in the lead again. The Mabuhay players equalised for the second and last time some eight minutes before the end of the match.

For the rest of the game they were unable to sustain the pace and were overtaken by the faster Pinoy team. The last five minutes provided some of the best basketball one could see in the competition with the champions managing to retain an upper hand in the game.

## Presented

The first runners-up in the basketball championship are AG&P team followed by Mabuhay and KPBC teams.

The prizes were presented to winners in all disciplines by Philippine Consul-General Fortunato Obliens and president of the Kapitulu Gene Balatayo.

The Most Valuable Player of the basketball competition was Vic Lugo, the Best Team Coach was Danny Caoli while the Best Team Manager was Gil de Vera, all of whom are members of the Pinoy Restaurant team.

The Kuwait Regency Palace team was declared the Best Bebead Team while KPBC received an award for the best uniform. The Rookie Player of the Year was Arnold Narvaez of AG&P. The award for the best cheering squad went to Al Adan/Fisher.

Josephine Generoso was declared the Palarong Pilipino muse 1988 and Tim Mallonga the best referee.

## Other winners included:

**Women's Volleyball:** Al Adan Hospital/Fisher — Champion; Al Jaha Hospital/Al Ghanim Freight — 1st Runner-up.

**Men's basketball:** Al Jaha Hospital/Al Ghanim Freight — Champion; Al Adan Hospital/Fisher — 1st Runner-up.

**Damai:** Atlanta, Gulf & Pacific Co. (AG&P) — Champion; RIC — 1st Runner-up.

**Lawn tennis:** A. Men's singles: Gulf Paper Mfg. Co. — Champions; Atlanta, Gulf & Pacific Co. (AG&P) — 1st Runner-up; EEMC — 2nd Runner-up; Shuaiba Area Authority — 3rd Runner-up.

B. Men's doubles: EEMC — Champion; Gulf Paper Mfg. Co. — 1st Runner-up; Shuaiba Port — 2nd Runner-up; KAI &



An action shot of the match.

**Marathon:** 3km race: S. Bonio (AG&P) — Champion; W. Nolasco (Sony) — 1st Runner-up; A. Escobedo (AG&P) — 2nd Runner-up; E. Bolata (Kuwait Leather) — 3rd Runner-up.

## Dart:

Pinoy Restaurant — Champion; Kirby Blg. System — 1st Runner-up; RIC 2nd Runner-up; Al Faseeh Est. — 3rd Runner-up.

## Women's bowling:

Mabuhay Restaurant — Champion; Oriental Trading-Diplomats — 1st Runner-up; Al Ghanim Freight — 2nd Runner-up; Crown Trading Est. — 3rd Runner-up.

**10 km race:** G. Bona (KPBC) — Champion; A. Factor (AG&P) — 1st Runner-up; G. Canata (AG&P) — 2nd Runner-up.



One of the marathon winners.

**Gatting goes into exile**

LONDON, July 29, (Reuters): Former England captain Mike Gatting has gone into self-imposed Test cricket exile until next year.

Gatting, who by his own choice has made spasmodic Test appearances this season, announced today he was making himself unavailable for international cricket again until the next English season.

Gatting, who captains Middlesex, announced his intentions through his London solicitors, effectively ending any possibility of a return to the England team for the fifth and final Test against West Indies at the Oval, starting next Thursday, and the one Test against Sri Lanka at Lord's at the end of August.

Gatting's statement said: "There has been much speculation concerning my availability for selection for England since the statement issued by the TCCB following the (third) Old

Trafford Test. I have been very proud to represent and captain my country on the cricket field and at all times have enjoyed the full support of the players.

"Over the past 10 years I have played cricket the year round except for one winter at home. My family have supported me throughout this time and I had planned to take a rest from touring either this winter or next for my own sake as well as for theirs.

"I have decided to declare myself unavailable for Test cricket until next season to give me the opportunity to put my family before cricket and to enjoy a rest time with them.

"I shall of course continue to do my best for my county which has supported me wholeheartedly throughout recent troubled times.

"I hope that after this break I will be playing well enough to be considered for selection for my country again."

**SPORTS BRIEFS****W. Indies draw**

NOTTINGHAM, England, July 29, (Reuters): West Indies drew their three-day cricket match with Nottinghamshire at Trent Bridge today. Scores: West Indies 362 (G. Greenglass 101, V. Richardson 75, G. Logic 53 C. Cairns four for 82) and 177 for no wicket. Nottinghamshire 247 (C. Scott 63 not out, F. Stephenson 56, P. Patterson three for 45).

**England win**

JESMOND, England, July 29, (Reuters): An England XI beat a rest of the World XI by two runs in a one-day cricket match restricted to 45 overs a side today. Scores: England XI 233 for eight (N. Fairbrother 81, R. Smith 47, Javed Miandad four for 10), Rest of the World XI 231 for eight (Salim Malik 67, S. Waugh 43 N. Foster three for 30).

**Surprise defeat**

LEEDS, England, July 29, (Reuters): European record holder Adrian Moorhouse suffered a surprise defeat in the 100 metres breaststroke final at the British National Swimming Championships today. Moorhouse was beaten into second place by Leeds club-mate James Parrack.

**Junior athletics**

SUDBURY, Ontario, July 29, (Reuters): American Andre Cason, who plans to be better than his hero — quadruple Olympic gold medallist Carl Lewis — won the 100 metres in 10.22 seconds at the World Junior Athletics Championships yesterday.

**Record holder**

NEW YORK, July 29, (Reuters): World 400 metres hurdles record holder Ed Moses will open his European season on August 4 in Corunna, Spain, his business manager Gordon Baskin said on Wednesday night.

**Noah advances**

BORDEAUX, France, July 29, (AP): Yannick Noah of France had to go to a third set tiebreaker yesterday to advance to the quarterfinals of the \$245,000-dollar Bordeaux Grand Prix Passing Shot tournament.

**Brazil held**

OSLO, July 29, (Reuters): Striker Bernandes Edmar spared Brazil's blushes with a goal nine minutes from time which earned the South Americans a 1-1 draw with Norway in the first game of their three-match European soccer tour yesterday.

**Billy Bonds**

LONDON, July 29, (Reuters): West Ham United veteran midfielder Billy Bonds, the English Football League's oldest player, has decided to finally retire after 66 League games and become the club's youth coach.

**Pay dispute**

LEVERKUSEN, West Germany, July 29, (Reuters): Brazilian soccer international Tita is leaving UEFA Cup holders Bayer Leverkusen because of a pay dispute, the West German club said yesterday.

**Steve Archibald**

BARCELONA, Spain, July 29, (Reuters): Scottish striker Steve Archibald ended his contract with Barcelona yesterday after four years with the club, a Barcelona spokesman said.

**French soccer**

PARIS, July 29, (Reuters): Sochaux, the new stars of French football, held on at the top of the First Division on Wednesday with a goalless draw against a dispirited Marseille.

**Excess weight**

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J., July 29, (Reuters): Chung Yung-Kil's welterweight world title hopes were dealt a body blow today when he was forced work hard to shed excess weight just hours before his showdown with champion Lloyd Honeyghan of Britain.

**Formula One**

LONDON, July 29, (Reuters): Former Ferrari aerodynamicist Jean-Claude Migeot will join the Tyrrell motor racing team in September, the British Formula One team announced today.

**Pension fund**

BALTIMORE, July 29, (AP): A judge has ruled that National Football League (NFL) team owners owe the players' pension fund more than \$19 million in overdue payments.

**Yachting event**

MOSCOW, July 29, (Reuters): French and Italian crews led by helmsmen Jean-Yves le Doff and Georgeo Zuccoli won the silver and bronze medals respectively at the tornado class World Yachting Championship off the Baltic city of Tallinn in Estonia.